

To: Keigwin, Richard[Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov]; Beck, Nancy[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov]; Cleland-Hamnett, Wendy[Cleland-Hamnett.Wendy@epa.gov]; Jakob, Avivah[Jakob.Avivah@epa.gov]; Wise, Louise[Wise.Louise@epa.gov]
Cc: Smith, Peterj[Smith.Peterj@epa.gov]; Mottley, Tanya[Mottley.Tanya@epa.gov]
From: Hofmann, Angela
Sent: Fri 7/7/2017 1:21:39 PM
Subject: r IRE: Inactive items on Inventory

“Inactive” is the new name for the “Pending” category. These are items in the Reg Agenda that do not fit in any of the other categories. Active = issuing the rulemaking within the year, Longterm = may issue rulemaking related item(s) or hold public meetings, but rulemaking is over 1 year away. As a result, it includes ongoing and frequent general category entries (New Chems, SNURs, Test Rules). Our list is longer this year because it includes several more actions that we are withdrawing, but have to do so through a notice.

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From: Keigwin, Richard
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 8:24 PM
To: Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Cleland-Hamnett, Wendy <Cleland-Hamnett.Wendy@epa.gov>; Jakob, Avivah <Jakob.Avivah@epa.gov>; Hofmann, Angela <Hofmann.Angela@epa.gov>; Wise, Louise <Wise.Louise@epa.gov>
Cc: Smith, Peterj <Smith.Peterj@epa.gov>; Mottley, Tanya <Mottley.Tanya@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Inactive items on Inventory

For OPP, we continue to work, at least internally, on (b)(5) DPP

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From: Beck, Nancy

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 4:17 PM

To: Cleland-Hamnett, Wendy <Cleland-Hamnett.Wendy@epa.gov>; Jakob, Avivah <Jakob.Avivah@epa.gov>; Hofmann, Angela <Hofmann.Angela@epa.gov>; Wise, Louise <Wise.Louise@epa.gov>

Cc: Smith, Peterj <Smith.Peterj@epa.gov>; Mottley, Tanya <Mottley.Tanya@epa.gov>; Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Inactive items on Inventory

It's the list that comes out with the spring regulatory agenda—there is a section of “inactive” which is essentially long term items on hold.

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P: 202-564-1273

M: [REDACTED]

beck.nancy@epa.gov

From: Cleland-Hamnett, Wendy

Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 2:50 PM

To: Jakob, Avivah <Jakob.Avivah@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hofmann, Angela <Hofmann.Angela@epa.gov>; Wise, Louise <Wise.Louise@epa.gov>

Cc: Smith, Peterj <Smith.Peterj@epa.gov>; Mottley, Tanya <Mottley.Tanya@epa.gov>; Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Inactive items on Inventory

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From: Jakob, Avivah

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 2:43 PM

To: Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hofmann, Angela <Hofmann.Angela@epa.gov>; Cleland-Hamnett, Wendy <Cleland-Hamnett.Wendy@epa.gov>; Wise, Louise <Wise.Louise@epa.gov>

Cc: Smith, Peterj <Smith.Peterj@epa.gov>; Mottley, Tanya <Mottley.Tanya@epa.gov>; Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Inactive items on Inventory

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Thanks.

From: Beck, Nancy

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 2:01 PM

To: Hofmann, Angela <Hofmann.Angela@epa.gov>; Cleland-Hamnett, Wendy <Cleland-Hamnett.Wendy@epa.gov>; Jakob, Avivah <Jakob.Avivah@epa.gov>; Wise, Louise <Wise.Louise@epa.gov>

Cc: Smith, Peterj <Smith.Peterj@epa.gov>; Mottley, Tanya <Mottley.Tanya@epa.gov>; Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>

Subject: Inactive items on Inventory

Importance: High

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Thanks!

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beck.nancy@epa.gov

To: Beck, Nancy[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Bolen, Brittany
Sent: Thur 7/6/2017 7:45:56 PM
Subject: Re: inactive actions

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2017, at 1:57 PM, Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

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as I have meetings all
afternoon.

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P: 202-564-1273

M: [REDACTED]

beck.nancy@epa.gov

From: Bolen, Brittany
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:52 PM
To: Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: inactive actions

We have until COB to make changes.

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On Jul 6, 2017, at 1:47 PM, Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

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beck.nancy@epa.gov

From: Bolen, Brittany

Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:35 PM

To: Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: inactive actions

Hey Nancy,

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Thanks,

Brittany

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Owens, Nicole" <Owens.Nicole@epa.gov>

Date: July 6, 2017 at 1:17:59 PM EDT

To: "Bolen, Brittany" <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>, "Rees, Sarah" <rees.sarah@epa.gov>

Cc: "Dravis, Samantha" <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>

Subject: inactive actions

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Cc: Smith, Peterj[Smith.Peterj@epa.gov]; Mottley, Tanya[Mottley.Tanya@epa.gov]; Keigwin, Richard[Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov]
From: Cleland-Hamnett, Wendy
Sent: Thur 7/6/2017 6:49:58 PM
Subject: RE: Inactive items on Inventory

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Cc: Smith, Peterj <Smith.Peterj@epa.gov>; Mottley, Tanya <Mottley.Tanya@epa.gov>; Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Inactive items on Inventory

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Thanks.

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Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 2:01 PM

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Cc: Smith, Peterj <Smith.Peterj@epa.gov>; Mottley, Tanya <Mottley.Tanya@epa.gov>; Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>

Subject: Inactive items on Inventory

Importance: High

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To: Corrales, Mark[Corrales.Mark@epa.gov]
Cc: Boyle, Kathryn[Boyle.Kathryn@epa.gov]
From: Tyree, JamesN
Sent: Fri 5/12/2017 5:10:33 PM
Subject: RE: OP Weekly Report

Minor correction. Table below is now up to date.

James Tyree, P.E.

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Office of Policy, Office of Regulatory Policy and Management

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From: Tyree, JamesN
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 1:09 PM
To: Corrales, Mark <Corrales.Mark@epa.gov>
Cc: Boyle, Kathryn <Boyle.Kathryn@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OP Weekly Report



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From: Corrales, Mark
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 12:20 PM
To: Boyle, Kathryn <Boyle.Kathryn@epa.gov>; Tyree, JamesN <tyree.jamesn@epa.gov>
Subject: Fw: OP Weekly Report

FYI - something like this goes out each week

From: Kime, Robin
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 11:20 AM
To: OP-OD&DODs; OP-DD; Pritchard, Eileen; Germann, Sandy
Subject: OP Weekly Report

Hi

This was sent out today. Have a great weekend.

Here's OP's update:

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To: 2017HQfirstas (b) (6)
2017Regionfirstassistants
Cc: Rees, Sarah[rees.sarah@epa.gov]; Nickerson, William[Nickerson.William@epa.gov]
From: Kenny, Shannon
Sent: Wed 3/8/2017 2:02:13 PM
Subject: AA/RA Regulatory Update

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OP will continue to provide updates on a weekly basis as to the status of regulatory actions.
Please feel free to contact me or Sarah Rees if you have any questions.

Shannon

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Sent from my iPad

To: Jutras, Nathaniel[Jutras.Nathaniel@epa.gov]; Curry, Bridgid[Curry.Bridgid@epa.gov]
From: Owens, Nicole
Sent: Tue 3/14/2017 11:41:37 AM
Subject: RE: SAN 5881: Technical Correction to NAAQS PM (Appendix N) listed as approved to go to the FR

Hi.

Yes, the way this was originally tee'd up was from the list on our FR queue. Once that happened, it could be resigned. So that's why it is here now (Shannon mentioned that some documents need to be resigned because the original signers no longer work at EPA).

There are lots of lists and processes, so I can see how this is confusing to folks.

Nicole

From: Jutras, Nathaniel
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 5:37 PM
To: Owens, Nicole <Owens.Nicole@epa.gov>; Curry, Bridgid <Curry.Bridgid@epa.gov>
Subject: SAN 5881: Technical Correction to NAAQS PM (Appendix N) listed as approved to go to the FR
Importance: High

Nicole or Bridgid (b)(5) DPP
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Thanks,
Nate

From: Rush, Alan

Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 3:56 PM
To: Jutras, Nathaniel <Jutras.Nathaniel@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: AA/RA Regulatory Update

Nate,

This is the list I mentioned, Appendix N is fourth from the bottom.

Alan

From: Iglesias, Amber
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 12:41 PM
To: Rush, Alan <Rush.Alan@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: AA/RA Regulatory Update

From: Cyran, Carissa
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 3:06 PM
To: Iglesias, Amber <Iglesias.Amber@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: AA/RA Regulatory Update

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kenny, Shannon" <Kenny.Shannon@epa.gov>
Date: March 8, 2017 at 9:02:13 AM EST
To: 2017HOfirstas (b) (6) 017Regionfirstassistants
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Cc: Rees, Sarah <Rees.Sarah@epa.gov>, Nickerson, William" <Nickerson.William@epa.gov>
Subject: AA/RA Regulatory Update

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Actions approved to be sent to the Federal Register for publication 3/3/2017

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Sent from my iPad

To: Brooks, Patricia[Brooks.Patricia@epa.gov]
From: Owens, Nicole
Sent: Fri 3/3/2017 3:30:38 PM
Subject: RE: can you please find out why this doesn't have a publication date yet?

Thanks.

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Nicole

From: Brooks, Patricia
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 10:30 AM
To: Owens, Nicole <Owens.Nicole@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: can you please find out why this doesn't have a publication date yet?

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Pat

From: Owens, Nicole
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 10:08 AM
To: Brooks, Patricia <Brooks.Patricia@epa.gov>
Subject: can you please find out why this doesn't have a publication date yet?

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Nicole

To: Kime, Robin[Kime.Robin@epa.gov]
From: Owens, Nicole
Sent: Thur 3/2/2017 7:10:25 PM
Subject: RE: reg update

We can, though that hadn't gone yet when we sent this! Want me to add now?

From: Kime, Robin
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 1:28 PM
To: Owens, Nicole <Owens.Nicole@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: reg update

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From: Owens, Nicole
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 1:01 PM
To: Kime, Robin <Kime.Robin@epa.gov>
Cc: Curry, Bridgid <Curry.Bridgid@epa.gov>; Corrales, Mark <Corrales.Mark@epa.gov>; Tyree, JamesN <tyree.jamesn@epa.gov>; Rees, Sarah <rees.sarah@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: reg update

Robin. Updated as requested. James, I made a few minor edits.

FLR	Title	Notes	Date Submitted to OER
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Policy and Regulatory Analysis Division

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From: Owens, Nicole

Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 12:12 PM

To: Tyree, JamesN <tyree.jamesn@epa.gov>

Cc: Rees, Sarah <rees.sarah@epa.gov>; Corrales, Mark <Corrales.Mark@epa.gov>; Nickerson, William <Nickerson.William@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: reg update

Hi James –

See below. Can you add blurbs to these and send back to Sarah. I'll send out one on the Clean Water Rule.

Nicole

From: Kime, Robin

Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 12:09 PM

To: Rees, Sarah <rees.sarah@epa.gov>

Cc: Nickerson, William <Nickerson.William@epa.gov>; Corrales, Mark <Corrales.Mark@epa.gov>; Owens, Nicole <Owens.Nicole@epa.gov>

Subject: reg update

Hi again,

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From: Rees, Sarah
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 11:40 AM
To: Kime, Robin <Kime.Robin@epa.gov>
Cc: Nickerson, William <Nickerson.William@epa.gov>; Corrales, Mark <Corrales.Mark@epa.gov>; Owens, Nicole <Owens.Nicole@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: would appreciate a reg update for the administrator's email by 12 or 1 please (thank you) - EOM

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FLR	Title	Date Submitted to OFR
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From: Kime, Robin
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 8:51 AM
To: Rees, Sarah <rccs.sarah@epa.gov>
Subject: would appreciate a reg update for the administrator's email by 12 or 1 please (thank you) - EOM

To: Rees, Sarah[rees.sarah@epa.gov]
From: Kenny, Shannon
Sent: Wed 3/8/2017 4:56:48 PM
Subject: Fwd: AA/RA Regulatory Update

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Chu, Ed" <Chu.Ed@epa.gov>
Date: March 8, 2017 at 11:19:15 AM EST
To: "Kenny, Shannon" <Kenny.Shannon@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: AA/RA Regulatory Update

Hi Shannon,

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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From: Kenny, Shannon
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 8:02 AM
To: 2017HQfirstassistants <2017HQfirstassistants@epa.gov>; 2017Regionfirstassistants <2017Regionfirstassistants@epa.gov>
Cc: Rees, Sarah <rees.sarah@epa.gov>; Nickerson, William <Nickerson.William@epa.gov>
Subject: AA/RA Regulatory Update

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Shannon

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Sent from my iPad

To: Rees, Sarah[rees.sarah@epa.gov]
From: Kenny, Shannon
Sent: Wed 3/8/2017 2:57:31 PM
Subject: Re: AA/RA Regulatory Update

Yep.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 8, 2017, at 9:57 AM, Rees, Sarah <rees.sarah@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Kenny, Shannon
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 9:32 AM
To: Rees, Sarah <rees.sarah@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: AA/RA Regulatory Update

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Starfield, Lawrence" <Starfield.Lawrence@epa.gov>
Date: March 8, 2017 at 9:25:23 AM EST
To: "Kenny, Shannon" <Kenny.Shannon@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: AA/RA Regulatory Update

Shannon,

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Thanks.

Larry

From: Kenny, Shannon

Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 9:02 AM

To: 2017HQfirstassista (b) (6)
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Cc: Rees, Sarah <rees.sarah@epa.gov>; Nickerson, William
<Nickerson.William@epa.gov>

Subject: AA/RA Regulatory Update

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Date: March 8, 2017 at 9:25:23 AM EST
To: "Kenny, Shannon" <Kenny.Shannon@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: AA/RA Regulatory Update

Shannon,

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Thanks.

Larry

From: Kenny, Shannon
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 9:02 AM
To: 2017HQfirstassistants (b)(6) 2017Regionfirstassistants
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Cc: Rees, Sarah <rees.sarah@epa.gov>; Nickerson, William
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To: Rees, Sarah[rees.sarah@epa.gov]
From: Kime, Robin
Sent: Wed 3/1/2017 12:32:38 AM
Subject: Re: Decisions on actions to send to the Federal Register for Publication

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 28, 2017, at 7:30 PM, Rees, Sarah <rees.sarah@epa.gov> wrote:

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Cheers,

Sarah

Sarah L. Rees, Ph.D.

Director, Office of Regulatory Policy & Management

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To: Reisman, Larry[Reisman.Larry@epa.gov]; Devito, Steve[Devito.Steve@epa.gov]; Vail, Cassandra[vail.cassandra@epa.gov]; Carroll, Megan[Carroll.Megan@epa.gov]; Turk, David[Turk.David@epa.gov]; Tomassoni, Guy[Tomassoni.Guy@epa.gov]
From: Cortez, Gemino
Sent: Wed 10/25/2017 2:23:29 PM
Subject: RE: salesforce CCD projects

Thank you everyone. ☺.

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From: Reisman, Larry

Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 10:06 AM

To: Cortez, Gemino <cortez.gemino@epa.gov>; Devito, Steve <Devito.Steve@epa.gov>; Vail, Cassandra <vail.cassandra@epa.gov>; Carroll, Megan <Carroll.Megan@epa.gov>; Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>; Tomassoni, Guy <Tomassoni.Guy@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: salesforce CCD projects

Please give us a few days to do so, but **Dave** please close out the Nat Gas Rule as “inactive,

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Thanks!

Larry

From: Cortez, Gemino

Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 9:10 AM

To: Devito, Steve <Devito.Steve@epa.gov>; Reisman, Larry <Reisman.Larry@epa.gov>; Vail, Cassandra <vail.cassandra@epa.gov>; Carroll, Megan <Carroll.Megan@epa.gov>; Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>; Tomassoni, Guy <Tomassoni.Guy@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: salesforce CCD projects

Hello again,

Just as the previous message I sent a few minutes ago,

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Thanks,

Gem

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From: Devito, Steve

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 1:15 PM

To: Reisman, Larry <Reisman.Larry@epa.gov>; Cortez, Gemino <cortez.gemino@epa.gov>; Vail, Cassandra <vail.cassandra@epa.gov>; Carroll, Megan <Carroll.Megan@epa.gov>; Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>; Tomassoni, Guy <Tomassoni.Guy@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: salesforce CCD projects

Larry:

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Steve DeVito

202-566-0755

From: Reisman, Larry

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 12:33 PM

To: Cortez, Gemino <cortez.gemino@epa.gov>; Vail, Cassandra <vail.cassandra@epa.gov>; Carroll, Megan <Carroll.Megan@epa.gov>; Devito, Steve <Devito.Steve@epa.gov>; Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>; Tomassoni, Guy <Tomassoni.Guy@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: salesforce CCD projects

Hi Gem,

Let me take the second bullet (below) first. The “Final Rule to Add Natural Gas Processing

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Thanks!

Larry

From: Cortez, Gemino

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 10:30 AM

To: Vail, Cassandra <vail.cassandra@epa.gov>; Reisman, Larry <Reisman.Larry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: salesforce CCD projects

Good morning Larry & Cassandra,

How was your weekend? Mine was pretty busy but fun.

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Thank you,

Gem

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From: Cortez, Gemino
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Canavan, Sheila <Canavan.Sheila@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: salesforce CCD projects

Good morning,

Yes, we can switch them over. I'll work with Cassandra and Larry.

Gem

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From: Canavan, Sheila

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 10:24 AM

To: Cortez, Gemino <cortez.gemino@epa.gov>

Subject: salesforce CCD projects

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To: Turk, David[Turk.David@epa.gov]
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EPA Weighs Changing Chemical Data Reporting Rules



Snapshot

- EPA may revise chemical manufacturers' reporting requirements
- EPA drops draft rules requiring information on hydraulic fracturing and processing chemicals
- Work on risk management rule for trichloroethylene delayed with no end date proposed

By *Pat Rizzuto* and *Tiffany Stecker*

The EPA may revise a regulation used to collect chemical production volume and other information from chemical manufacturers, according to an updated spring regulatory agenda it released July 20.

It has delayed work on a final and a separate, proposed, Toxic Substances Control Act rule, both of which would have restricted some uses of trichloroethylene (TCE), a solvent degreaser that can cause neurological and other health problems at sufficient levels of exposure.

New, Ongoing Rules

The revised Toxic Substances Control Act rule (RIN:2070-AK33) the EPA is considering could alter the information chemical makers must submit under the Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) rule.

The rule requires manufacturers—including importers—to provide the EPA with production volume, processing and use, and other information for chemicals made or imported above specified thresholds. Manufacturers' next reports are due in 2020 and data from past reports has informed EPA's oversight of industrial chemicals under the 2016 Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act.

The Environmental Protection Agency also continues to evaluate a Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) [petition](#) (RIN:2070-AK26) to add 25 chemicals to the inventory. The Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Act program asked for additions—such as the solvent n-propyl bromide (nPB)—which are made in volumes greater than one million pounds annually and have well-documented health concerns.

Long-Term Actions

Following a flurry of rulemakings the agency issued June 22 to meet the amended toxics law mandates, the agency moved a number of other rulemakings from its immediate [activities](#) list to a register of “long-term [actions](#).”

These include a proposed TSCA rule (RIN:2070-AJ94) to align the hazard communication aspects of its significant new use rules, or SNURs, with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Hazard Communications Standard. That rulemaking also would have revised reporting requirements for requests that chemical manufacturers submit to the EPA, called pre-

manufacture notices (PMNs), when they want to make or import a new chemical (81 Fed. Reg. 49,598).

The American Chemistry Council, the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, the American Petroleum Institute, and the American Coatings Association were among the industry groups that told the EPA its proposed revisions went too far. Competitors could have used some of the changes to get proprietary product or use information, they said.

Other long-term rulemakings include:

- a final rule (RIN:2070-AK03) to prohibit the manufacture, processing and distribution in commerce of TCE as a spotting agent in dry cleaning and in commercial and consumer aerosol spray degreasers,
- a proposed significant new use rule (RIN:2070-AK18) requiring companies that want to make a non-aerosol spray degreaser containing TCE to notify the EPA before doing so,
- a final significant new use rule (SNUR; RIN:2070-AK09) for alkylpyrrolidones, which are used as chemical reactants and in adhesives, coatings, silicone seal removers, and consumer and commercial paint primers, and
- a final SNUR for nonylphenols and nonylphenol ethoxylates, which are detergent-like chemicals used for industrial processes and in personal hygiene, automotive, latex paints, lawn care and some consumer laundry products.

Inactive Rulemakings

The EPA has dropped work on several chemical rules, according to a list of [inactive](#) federal rulemaking. These include:

- a proposed TSCA rule to obtain information about chemicals and chemical mixtures used for hydraulic fracturing (RIN:2070-AJ93),
- two possible TSCA rules reassessing ongoing authorized uses of polychlorinated biphenyls (RIN:2070-AJ38; RIN:2070-AK12),
- a final TRI rule (RIN:2070-AK16) to require natural gas processing facilities to report the chemicals released into the environment.

The EPA published the proposed TRI rule adding natural gas processors in the final days of the Obama administration to tighten disclosure requirements of toxic emissions under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). Under the draft rule, these processing facilities would have had to submit data to the EPA on at least 21 different chemicals, including hydrogen sulfide, toluene, benzene and methanol. Upstream facilities—like hydraulic fracturing wells—would be exempt.

The agency collected comments on the TRI proposal through May 6. The rule has been included on the last two regulatory agendas, Adam Kron, an attorney for the Environmental Integrity Project (EIP), told Bloomberg BNA. He added that it was unclear whether this action was in line with the requirements for rulemaking under the Administrative Procedure Act.

“I’m not sure what to make of that,” Kron said. “I haven’t seen just parking a rule like this.”

The rulemaking is a result of a petition the EIP and other groups submitted to the EPA in 2012.

The EPA did not respond to questions about the reasons it made these and other regulatory changes.

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The EPA’s updated regulatory agenda of current rulemakings is available at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaMain>.

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Small Businesses Praise Effort to Stop EPA’s Solvent Rules



Snapshot

- Language in House EPA funding bill would delay restrictions on three solvent rules
- Small chemical companies support the move
- Local government official, advocates point to human, environmental costs of blocked rules

By [Pat Rizzuto](#)

Small companies in America's heartland welcomed a House committee's effort to block the EPA from restricting the use of three solvents and possibly forcing them to close their doors.

“We might go out of business if the EPA proceeded with the rules as written,” Dallas Cochran, who owns a small company called Charles Paint Research, Inc. in Kansas City, Mo., told Bloomberg BNA.

The House Appropriations Committee approved a funding bill and report for the Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies July 18 with provisions directing the regulator to delay its final rules that would restrict some uses of three solvents: trichloroethylene (TCE), methylene chloride, and n-methylpyrrolidone (NMP).

The three solvent rules would be the first to manage chemical risks that the EPA would issue under the 2016 Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act, which amended the Toxic Substances Control Act. The EPA proposed the rules to reduce potential neurological and reproductive health problems that its analysis concluded could result for workers and consumers exposed to the solvents.

Environmental and public health advocates are among those who oppose the delays, saying public confidence in the new chemicals law would be undermined if solvent manufacturers and the House committee succeed in blocking the rules.

A local government agency director in Washington state and the attorney for a coalition of environmental and labor groups said communities, first responders, and workers need the protections these chemical rules would provide.

“We strongly support banning these substances as a needed protection for our residents and our environment. Local governments are first responders for nearly every negative outcome resulting from the widespread use of hazardous chemicals like methylene chloride and TCE—we have a deep stake in this issue,” Lynda Ransley, who directs the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, Washington, said by email.

Chemical Use Restrictions

Using methylene chloride and NMP to remove paint and coatings would generally be prohibited by the EPA's first rule. The second would prohibit TCE for aerosol degreasing and spot cleaning by dry cleaners, while the third would prevent that solvent's use in vapor degreasers, which can be used to clean metal, electronic equipment, and other materials.

The EPA should continue its planned evaluation of the health and environmental risks that many different uses of all three solvents pose before deciding whether to proceed with its three rules, the committee's report said. The EPA's rules were based on narrow risk assessments it conducted before TSCA was amended. Since the law was overhauled, the EPA announced that it would assess a wider range of uses for the three solvents.

Methylene chloride-containing strippers are safe to use if people follow the directions on the label to use them outdoors or in well-ventilated spaces, said Charles Paint Research's Cochran.

Walter Tornstrom, who owns a small company called Rapid Blanket Restorer Corp. in Chesterland, Ohio, told Bloomberg BNA that the House committee approach, which would require the EPA to do more analysis before rulemaking, is better. His company sells a methylene-chloride solvent formulation used in the printing industry.

Both companies employ fewer than five people. The future of their businesses is also a concern for Cochran, who is 62 years old, and Tornstrom, 75. The EPA's rule to restrict the use of one of the solvents could make it difficult for them to sell their business because methylene chloride-containing products are important for both companies, Cochran and Tornstrom told Bloomberg BNA.

Workers, Local Budgets

King County's Ransley told Bloomberg BNA that paramedic services, medical examiners, household hazardous waste collection sites, and solid waste disposal are just a few of the local government services that must deal with the consequences of methylene chloride, TCE, and other hazardous materials in the community, she said.

The county also has to pay hazardous waste disposal fees to safely manage solvent-containing waste that residents bring to local collection sites, she told the EPA in comments on the proposed rule. If residents were to throw products into their municipal trash can, they will likely land in a public landfill, where they would pollute local air, soil, and water, she wrote in comments on the paint stripping and TCE degreasing rules.

Attorney Robert Sussman, who represents Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families, a national coalition of environmental, labor, and other advocacy groups, also opposes the delay.

“Workers using paint removers will die” if the EPA delays issuing its proposed methylene chloride and NMP restriction rule, he said at a meeting organized by the advocacy organization BlueGreen Alliance Foundation, which represents both workers and environmental groups.

Federal and state health agencies know of 17 deaths involving bathtub refinishers using methylene-chloride containing products.

Amended TSCA

Daniel Rosenberg, an attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, told Bloomberg BNA that the action of the House Appropriations Committee conflicts with the Lautenberg Act, which authorized the EPA to proceed with the rulemakings.

“Given the House language is contrary to the language and intent of Congress in Lautenberg, it would make sense for the Senate to right the wrong of the House by including a statement that reflects what the law said,” he said.

Rosenberg said he's talked to Sen. Tom Udall (D-N.M.), who introduced the Lautenberg Act and is ranking member of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee with jurisdiction over the EPA's budget. Udall is "well-positioned to insist that something as egregious as the House report isn't allowed to influence what EPA does," Rosenberg said.

Udall's office did not reply to requests for comment July 19.

Richard Denison, lead senior scientist with the Environmental Defense Fund, told Bloomberg BNA the agency doesn't need to start over again with the rules.

"EPA's existing assessments demonstrated that these chemicals pose huge health risks, and we believe EPA has a responsibility to promptly address these risks by finalizing their proposed bans," he said.

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Deregulation Backers Hedge On Significance Of Initial Trump Rollbacks

Free-market and other proponents of deregulation are reserving judgment -- at least publicly -- on the progress of the Trump administration's pledge to rollback environmental and other regulations, even as administration officials tout their initial successes in withdrawing or reconsidering rules at EPA and other federal agencies.

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Trump outlines deregulation agenda

The White House this morning released the new administration's first regulatory plan, a

sweeping survey for all federal agency actions.

The latest issue of the biannual so-called Unified Agenda includes mostly notices to withdraw or revise regulations, a sharp contrast to the Obama years. Plans for dozens of rules have disappeared.

Health advocates sound alarm over Trump EPA, rule delays

Public health advocates are warning that the Trump administration may effectively renege on a landmark chemical safety compromise signed into law last year by President Obama.

The law, which updated the Toxic Substances Control Act for the first time since its enactment in 1976, sought to increase U.S. EPA scrutiny of new and existing chemicals in return for easing chemical regulations at the state level. But some fear President Trump's EPA won't uphold its end of the deal.

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House committee calls for EPA to delay TSCA section 6 rules

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A US House of Representatives committee has urged the EPA to halt TSCA section 6 rulemakings to ban or restrict the use of three solvents.

The recommendation came in a report accompanying the [appropriations committee's interior bill](#) for fiscal year 2018, which sets out next year's funding for the EPA, the Department of the Interior and several other federal agencies.

The report says that the rulemakings – which address the use of trichloroethylene in [dry cleaning](#) and in [vapour degreasing](#), as well as [methylene chloride](#) and [n-methylpyrrolidone \(NMP\)](#) in paint stripping – may not comply with provisions in section 26 of TSCA regarding risk management activities, based on previously completed risk assessments.

In public comments, a coalition of [domestic NMP producers](#) has raised similar concerns.

The committee asked the EPA to halt the work, and instead consider the uses in the ongoing risk assessments of the solvents. Each is being reviewed as one of the [first ten](#) priority substances subject to risk evaluation under the new law.

Melanie Benesh, legislative attorney at the NGO Environmental Working Group (EWG), called it an "outrageous demand". It "reaffirms the hostility" toward environmental protections being seen from both Congress and the White House, "in the name of protecting the profits of the chemicals industry", she added.

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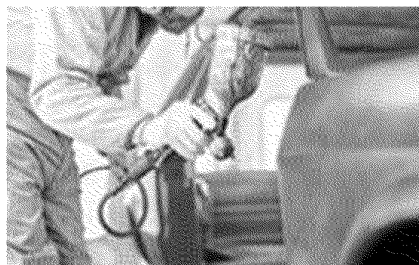
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Information requests dismissed in REACH nano case

Companies do not have to provide physchem data for specific types of silicon dioxide

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The Echa Board of Appeal (BoA) has dismissed a set of substance identity information requests from the agency in a case concerning forms of nano silicon dioxide.

The companies that [appealed against the requests](#) will not now have to provide data on eight physio-chemical properties of the forms of synthetic amorphous silica (SAS) – silicon dioxide that has been intentionally produced and lacks consistent inter-molecular structure.

An environmental NGO that intervened on behalf of the agency said that the decision demonstrates the inadequacies of REACH in protecting against the hazards of nanomaterials.

Echa had asked for the physio-chemical data, based on evidence that pyrogenic SAS could be toxic by inhalation. The agency said it needed this because the registration dossier did not explain the differences in toxicity between the different types of SAS.

"The available inhalation studies indicate differences in toxicity and potency between different types of SAS," it told the BoA. "These ... are inextricably bound up with differences in physico-chemical characteristics."

But the BoA said Echa had not substantiated its argument that the potential concern established for pyrogenic SAS extends to the other types.

Overall, the BoA dismissed four of the five requests contested in the case. The other three covered uses of the various forms of SAS including surface-treated. It upheld the request for data from a 90-day, sub-chronic, inhalation, rat toxicity study (OECD test method 413).

SAS is used as an additive in a wide range of products. For example, it is used as a functional filler in polymers and to add strength to rubber tyres, paint and varnishes. It is also added to paper and to food as an anti-lumping agent.

Ruxandra Cana of Steptoe & Johnson, the law firm that represented the appellants, said her clients would comply with the remaining request. But they would "check all opportunities to limit any animal testing to what is necessary".

She added that they welcomed the BoA decision, particularly its statements on whether nanomaterials should be considered potentially hazardous under REACH based purely on their size.

The decision explicitly says that "being a nanomaterial is insufficient on its own. No consistent causal link has yet been established between size and hazardous properties."

But David Azoulay, a lawyer at the Center for International Environmental Law (Ciel), which intervened in the case in favour of Echa, described the outcome as a disappointment.

The agency had made it clear that it could not relate any of the information in the registration dossier to any specific form of SAS, he said. "How is Echa supposed to do its job if it cannot associate toxicity data points with any specific forms of a chemical – when it cannot, in fact, even identify the specific form of the chemical on the market?"

Mr Azoulay said the regulatory framework urgently needs changing and the case demonstrates that Echa will find it difficult to enforce the much delayed nano-specific changes to the REACH annexes when they arrive. The changes are no substitute for a comprehensive nano regulation, he added.

Jodie Melbourne, a nanotechnology specialist at animal rights NGO the Peta International Science Consortium (PISC), was also disappointed, albeit for different reasons. The PISC intervened in the case in favour of the appellants and is critical of the BoA's decision to uphold

the request for study data.

"As a result of this, hundreds of animals will be used in experiments, in which they are forced to inhale nanomaterials for up to six hours a day, and then killed," Dr Melbourne said. SAS has a long history of safe use and the scientific dispute may never be resolved, she added.

In March, a group of titanium dioxide producers won a similar appeal. The BoA dismissed Echa's request for more substance identity information about the nanoforms of the substance. But the agency's nanomaterials expert group (NMEG) subsequently said that the decision did not rule out future requests for information on nanoform properties.

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Restriction intention on PAHs in synthetic turf granules

The Netherlands has notified its intention to prepare a restriction proposal on polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in granules used as infill material in synthetic turf. Echa is cooperating with the work, which aims to establish a lower concentration limit.

Granulates as infill material are characterised as mixtures and the reason for the restriction is if the "concentrations of carcinogenic PAHs are as high as the generic limit for mixtures supplied to the general public defined in REACH, there is concern. To ensure that no plastic and rubber granulate is placed on the market with such high PAH concentrations, a lower limit needs to be set."

There will be a call for evidence later this summer with a stakeholder workshop to follow in the autumn. The submission of the restriction proposal is planned for April 2018.

Echa releases updated stats on 2018 registrations

Latest agency figures show that 10,031 registrations have been submitted so far, for the May 2018 REACH deadline. They cover 4,860 substances. The top three submitting countries are Germany, the UK and the Netherlands.

Revamp of CLP webpages

Echa's webpages on the CLP Regulation, and in particular those on the harmonised classification and labelling (CLH) process, have been revamped to include a more detailed description of the process and updated information.

The revised sections are:

- understanding CLP;
- classification of substances and mixtures;
- labelling and packaging;
- harmonised classification and labelling (CLH);
- CLH public consultations; and
- CLH dossier submission.

A new page on the role of testing has been created.

The pages are available in 23 EU languages.

Updated REACH guidance on repeated dose toxicity

The agency has published an update of section R.7.5 on repeated dose toxicity in Chapter R.7a of the *Guidance on Information Requirements and Chemical Safety Assessment*.

This expands on the most appropriate route of administration for such a study. It also takes into account recent developments in the field, such as revised OECD test guidelines and updated recommendations on the use of non-testing methods. Echa says it also reflects its current approach to dossier evaluation by indicating, for instance, which additional specific investigations might be required. The recommended testing and assessment strategy has been refined accordingly.

Section R.7.3 addresses the recent change in REACH Annex VII for skin sensitisation regarding the appropriateness of *in vivo* studies carried out or begun before the date of entry into force of this revised annex.

Draft guidance for identifying EDCs in pesticides and biocides

The expert consultation on draft guidance on how to identify pesticides and biocides with endocrine disrupting properties has been extended. This comes as a result of the volume and complexity of comments received, Echa says. The second consultation of the group was delayed

until 17 July. The deadline for comments is 31 August.

A joint drafting team is consulting with the expert group, which is assisting in drafting the document for public consultation. The latter includes members of Echa's Endocrine Disruptors Expert Group and pesticide experts from EU member states and other stakeholder groups.

The drafting team will take comments from them into account in its revised draft version of the guidance, which will then go to public consultation.

This will take place once the final endocrine disruptor criteria are adopted by the European Parliament and EU Council of ministers.

The joint drafting group of scientific staff from the European Food Safety Authority (Efsa) and Echa, with support from the Joint Research Centre, began working on the guidance in January.

Further Information:

- [Restriction intention on PAHs](#)
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- [CLP revamp](#)
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- [Draft guidance for identifying EDCs in pesticides and biocides](#)

UK minister wants REACH ‘mutual recognition’ accord

Swiss model 'one to explore', says environment minister Thérèse Coffey

20 July 2017 / REACH, Substance registration, United Kingdom



The UK intends to secure an early ‘mutual recognition’ agreement on chemicals policy with the EU before it exits the Union, the country’s lead minister on chemicals policy has said.

In her comments to the UK Chemicals Stakeholder Forum this week, Thérèse Coffey said the chemicals sector is an "important priority" for the government, which is looking at different options with "the intention to try to get to a point where we have regulatory equivalence" with the EU.

It would be in the interests of the EU and the UK, she added, to recognise recorded REACH registrations of UK-based entities after Brexit. Describing the registration process as "complex", she said there was "no need" for companies to go through it again.

"We are fully aware of the amount of investment companies have already put into registration," she told the forum. "We are aware of the issues [and] the complex relationships within the current regulatory regime, which extends beyond REACH being [just] a database."

Ms Coffey told the forum the government is "not trying to cherry pick" elements of the EU single market, but is "trying to ensure we have an ongoing effective relationship and mutual recognition of regulations is a key part of that".

Mulling over models

Since the UK's EU referendum last June, there has been speculation about whether the country could assume a role like Norway's in the European Economic Area (EEA) or like Switzerland's in the European Free Trade Area.

Ms Coffey said that "perhaps the Swiss approach is one to explore", as the country is not part of the EEA but has arrangements with the trade bloc.

Asked whether the UK would look to mimic the US' newly reformed TSCA – something EU industry has rebuffed – she said it is not in the UK's interest "for any future agreement with the US or any other country [if it sees] a deterioration in environmental standards".

At the beginning of the discussions, it was "right to look at" the options, Ms Coffey said. But, she said "we recognise where the majority of our industry is, so going off in a completely different way would be a surprising move".

She added that the UK is "well progressed" in its thinking and the work it needs to do "in order to have that effective regulatory regime from day one".

Brexit bill

Brexit negotiations began one month ago and the UK government's European Union (Withdrawal) Bill, which will convert the body of EU law into UK law, was published last week. This bill gives the government power to create regulatory bodies that would take over duties currently performed by EU bodies under EU regulation.

In its current form, it would also allow the UK to create a national chemicals agency – something Chemical Watch understands the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is looking into.

Aspects of the REACH Regulation are given by the government as an example of the kind of functions that may be transferred to UK bodies. Discussing powers to enable UK ministers to

correct problems arising from withdrawal, the explanatory notes that accompany the bill say: "Important functions carried out at EU level, such as the evaluation and authorisation of chemicals [...] may need to be transferred to appropriate bodies in the UK for them to continue and [have] the power to deal with deficiencies".

The bill also gives the UK government powers to implement EU obligations through secondary legislation (regulations). Such statutory instruments do not require the approval of Parliament and instead are given a very brief assessment by a parliamentary committee.

Ms Coffey said REACH registration is an important legal requirement and the government "will be converting environmental law like that into UK law to ensure an effective regulatory regime".

In her [evidence](#) to the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee inquiry earlier this year, she acknowledged that the UK could not simply 'cut and paste' the Regulation into national law.

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- [UK MPs quiz minister on post-Brexit REACH plans](#)

EU Commission notifies WTO of proposed NMP ban

20 July 2017 / Europe, REACH, Risk assessment, Solvents

The European Commission has notified the WTO of a draft Regulation banning the placing of the solvent 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP) on the market. The intention is to address risks to workers caused by inhalation and dermal exposure to the substance.

The REACH restriction would be enforced unless:

- registration dossiers are updated with the new derived no-effect levels (Dnels) for inhalation and dermal exposure indicated in the proposal. This effectively sets occupational exposure limits; and
- manufacturers and downstream users comply with these values in the workplace.

The draft proposes a two-year general deferral of the restriction's application to give stakeholders time to take the necessary compliance measures.

And it makes special mention of the wire-coating industry, for which it is suggesting a longer deferral period of six years. This is because it recognises this sector will have to replace part of its older production lines prematurely to comply with the new Dnls.

The proposed date of adoption is the first half of 2018, with proposed entry into force 20 days after publication in the *EU Official Journal*. The WTO is accepting comments for 60 days.

NMP manufacturers in the US have recently been [urging the EPA](#) to withdraw a proposed rule to ban or restrict certain uses of the substance.

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- [NMP producers urge withdrawal of TSCA section 6 rule](#)

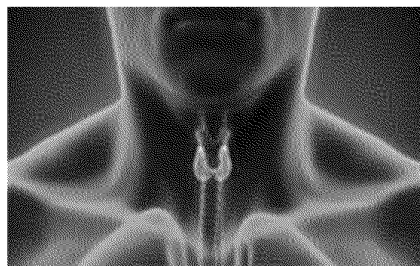
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- [WTO notification](#)

EURL Ecvam begins large-scale thyroid validation study

Seventeen methods being evaluated together

20 July 2017 / Alternative approaches to testing, EDCs, Europe, Risk assessment



The EU Reference Laboratory for Alternatives to Animal Testing (EURL Ecvam) is running a validation study of 17 *in vitro* tests for thyroid-disrupting chemicals.

The thyroid gland is a key part of the endocrine system, secreting iodine-containing hormones (T3 and T4) and the peptide hormone calcitonin. These hormones affect metabolism, cardiovascular health and development. Some manmade chemicals are known to interfere with thyroid function.

With no available validated thyroid *in vitro* methods, the OECD conceptual framework for the testing and assessment of endocrine disruptors focuses only on oestrogenic and androgenic effects.

Only a limited number of *in vitro* methods are ready to begin the validation process and further development and optimisation of assays and protocols are very much needed, say Maurice Whelan, head of EURL Ecvam, and Elise Grignard of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre.

The JRC decided to focus on thyroid tests following a number of recent initiatives.

For example, a recent [JRC survey](#) highlighted an urgent need to improve assessment of chemicals with potential thyroid disrupting properties.

Meanwhile, an OECD advisory group on endocrine disruptors' testing and assessment has asked member countries to request proposals for development of alternative thyroid tests.

EURL Ecvam used a 2014 OECD scoping document on *in vitro* and *ex vivo* assays for identifying modulators of thyroid signalling to help pick the 17 methods.

"The thyroid system is very complex and thus no doubt a suite of *in vitro* tests will be necessary to cover the most important mechanisms," Professor Whelan and Dr Grignard told *Chemical Watch*.

"We believe this validation study is somewhat unprecedented, considering how many complementary methods are being evaluated together," they add.

The second part will use each established method to generate data on a set of reference chemicals. This should indicate how the methods complement each other and how they could be combined in a test battery or testing strategy.

The study will be carried out with the EU Network of Laboratories for the Validation of Alternative Methods (EU-Netval).

Related Articles

- [OECD test guidelines should have new endocrine disrupting endpoints, says JRC](#)

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- [JRC press release](#)

House bill proposes to maintain funding for EPA toxics programme

Appropriations committee questions reliance on new TSCA fees in budget request

20 July 2017 / TSCA, United States



A US House of Representatives draft bill is pushing back on cuts to the EPA's toxics programme proposed by the White House and has questioned the extent to which the agency plans to rely on new TSCA fees for the coming fiscal year.

The House appropriations committee's draft fiscal year 2018 interior appropriations bill – which sets out next year's funding for the EPA, the Department of the Interior and several other federal agencies – has recommended \$92.5m for the toxics risk review and prevention programme, in line with 2017 funding levels. This is in contrast to the [\\$65m proposed by the Trump administration](#).

According to the committee report, the administration's budget proposed "an aggressive schedule for developing the new TSCA fee rule, and for the transition of FTE [full-time equivalent] to be covered by new fee collections."

But it expressed concerns that it "may be too aggressive". The committee's recommended funding level for the toxics programme "provides for a more gradual transition to fee-funded FTE for fiscal year 2018 so as to avoid a funding lapse that could impact implementation."

The EPA has not yet proposed a rule for collection of new fees under TSCA.

The maintenance of 2017 spending levels for the toxics programme is generally in line with the committee's broader plans for the agency, which would see it funded at \$7.5bn next year. While this would reduce EPA funding by \$528m below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level, it is close to \$1.9bn above the 30% cut called for in the [Trump administration's requested budget](#).

Research spending

The committee has recommended continuing to fund the computational toxicology and endocrine disruptor programmes at the fiscal year 2017 enacted levels, within a \$108m chemical safety and sustainability research programme.

The report says the committee supports EPA's computational toxicology research activities "to advance the next generation of risk assessment methods to enable integration of tiered toxicity evaluation strategies, advanced high throughput molecular biological assays and computational methods with exposure information to support risk-based decisions for prioritisation and screening."

With regard to alternatives testing, it commends the agency for "developing new scientific methods, removing barriers and fostering cooperation in implementing the toxicity testing agenda" outlined in a 2007 National Academy of Sciences report.

But it has asked that the agency submit a report describing its progress in:

- researching, developing, validating and translating non-animal chemical testing methods that characterise toxicity pathways;
- efforts to coordinate these activities across agencies; and
- future plans to incorporate the toxicity testing approach outlined in a [January National Academies report](#).

The committee also encouraged the agency to present it with options for "new or expanded partnerships" with institutes, foundations and universities on such topics as filling gaps in assessing exposure and non-animal toxicity testing.

It would also "support the realignment and consolidation of risk assessment resources if proposed in future budget requests" from the agency.

Additional provisions

In line with a May spending measure that funded the government through September, the committee's bill also calls for:

- the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to be barred from issuing more than 40 toxicological profiles during the 2018 fiscal year; and
- a prohibition on any of the funds in the budget to be used to regulate the lead content of ammunition, ammunition components or fishing tackle under TSCA or any other law.

The bill seeks to preserve the Chemical Safety Board (CSB), an independent federal agency charged with investigating industrial chemical accidents. The Trump administration had proposed scrapping it.

It is one of several appropriations measures that could be packaged together for a House vote, ahead of budget negotiations with the Senate this autumn. The final bill agreed by both chambers will fund the government for fiscal year 2018 – from October 2017 until September 2018.

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Related Articles

- [EPA says Trump budget would ensure resources needed for TSCA](#)
- [Trump budget proposal would cut EPA funding by a third](#)
- [National Academies report lays out new risk assessment process](#)

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Thanks!

Larry

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Thanks for your consideration and advice on how to proceed. I'm at my desk if you would like to call me to discuss.

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Hi Gem,

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Thanks!

Larry

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Good morning Larry & Cassandra,

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Thank you,

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Good morning Larry & Cassandra,

How was your weekend? Mine was pretty busy but fun.

Sheila believes that the lead organizations of the projects below should be TRI in our tool:

- Analytical/Toxicological Research and Support for OPPT Priority Workplan Chemicals (should be TRI)
- Natural Gas Processing Rulemaking (should be TRI)

If so, are you able to update them and assign the correct staff and project leads?

Thank you,

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Thank you, Dave. You caught me just in time... I was about to start the review. Hope you didn't spend too much time on it.

Andrea

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To: Reisman, Larry[Reisman.Larry@epa.gov]
Cc: Cortez, Gemino[cortez.gemino@epa.gov]; Vail, Cassandra[vail.cassandra@epa.gov]; Carroll, Megan[Carroll.Megan@epa.gov]; Turk, David[Turk.David@epa.gov]; Tomassoni, Guy[Tomassoni.Guy@epa.gov]
From: Devito, Steve
Sent: Wed 10/25/2017 2:47:03 PM
Subject: Re: salesforce CCD projects

Larry:

Yes. I agree with (b)(5) DPP
Steve D

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 25, 2017, at 10:06 AM, Reisman, Larry <Reisman.Larry@epa.gov> wrote:

Please give us a few days to do so, but Dave please close out the Nat Gas Rule as "inactive"

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Thanks!

Larry

From: Cortez, Gemino
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 9:10 AM
To: Devito, Steve <Devito.Steve@epa.gov>; Reisman, Larry <Reisman.Larry@epa.gov>; Vail, Cassandra <vail.cassandra@epa.gov>; Carroll, Megan <Carroll.Megan@epa.gov>; Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>; Tomassoni, Guy <Tomassoni.Guy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: salesforce CCD projects

Hello again,

Just as the previous message I sent a few minutes ago,

(b)(5) DPP

Thanks,

Gem

Gemino R. Cortez

Information Technology Specialist

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From: Devito, Steve

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 1:15 PM

To: Reisman, Larry <Reisman.Larry@epa.gov>; Cortez, Gemino <cortez.gemino@epa.gov>; Vail, Cassandra <vail.cassandra@epa.gov>; Carroll, Megan <Carroll.Megan@epa.gov>; Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>; Tomassoni, Guy <Tomassoni.Guy@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: salesforce CCD projects

Larry:

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Steve DeVito

202-566-0755

From: Reisman, Larry

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 12:33 PM

To: Cortez, Gemino <cortez.gemino@epa.gov>; Vail, Cassandra <vail.cassandra@epa.gov>; Carroll, Megan <Carroll.Megan@epa.gov>; DeVito, Steve <DeVito.Steve@epa.gov>; Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>; Tomassoni, Guy <Tomassoni.Guy@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: salesforce CCD projects

Hi Gem,

(b)(5) DPP

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Thanks!

Larry

From: Cortez, Gemino
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 10:30 AM
To: Vail, Cassandra <vail.cassandra@epa.gov>; Reisman, Larry
<Reisman.Larry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: salesforce CCD projects

Good morning Larry & Cassandra,

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Thank you,

Gem

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From: Cortez, Gemino

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 10:27 AM

To: Canavan, Sheila <Canavan.Sheila@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: salesforce CCD projects

Good morning,

Yes, we can switch them over. I'll work with Cassandra and Larry.

Gem

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From: Canavan, Sheila

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 10:24 AM

To: Cortez, Gemino <cortez.gemino@epa.gov>

Subject: salesforce CCD projects

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To: Turk, David[Turk.David@epa.gov]
From: Lintner, Colby
Sent: Wed 8/30/2017 8:17:42 PM
Subject: tri actions

Subject to adjustment at the AA level but this seems to be what was decided on at the AA level.

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Toxics Release Inventory Program Division

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Colby Lintner

Environmental Protection Specialist

Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics

Environmental Assistance Division, USEPA

202 564-8182

To: Griffin, Stephanie[griffin.stephanie@epa.gov]
Cc: Turk, David[Turk.David@epa.gov]; Bushman, Daniel[Bushman.Daniel@epa.gov]
From: Lintner, Colby
Sent: Thur 8/24/2017 2:31:34 PM
Subject: RE: Short Deadlines - Fall Reg Agenda - Annual Regulatory PLAN - List of Items and Draft Narrative

Thanks Stephanie,

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Colby

From: Griffin, Stephanie
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Lintner, Colby <Lintner.Colby@epa.gov>
Cc: Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>; Bushman, Daniel <Bushman.Daniel@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Short Deadlines - Fall Reg Agenda - Annual Regulatory PLAN - List of Items and Draft Narrative

Hi Colby,

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Stephanie Griffin
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From: Lintner, Colby

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 2:44 PM

To: Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>; Bushman, Daniel <Bushman.Daniel@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Short Deadlines - Fall Reg Agenda - Annual Regulatory PLAN - List of Items and Draft Narrative

Importance: High

Hi Dave and Dan,

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From: Lintner, Colby

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 2:08 PM

To: Groeneveld, Thomas <Groeneveld.Thomas@epa.gov>; Canavan, Sheila <Canavan.Sheila@epa.gov>

Cc: Blunck, Christopher <Blunck.Chris@epa.gov>; Pierce, Alison <Pierce.Alison@epa.gov>

Subject: Short Deadlines - Fall Reg Agenda - Annual Regulatory PLAN - List of Items and Draft Narrative

Importance: High

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From: Moose, Lindsay

Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 4:18 PM

To: Latham, John <Latham.John@epa.gov>; Lintner, Colby <Lintner.Colby@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: 8/28/17 - Annual Regulatory PLAN - List of Items and Draft Narrative

Importance: High

First of 3 emails from Angela.

Lindsay Moose
Chief, Outreach Branch
Environmental Assistance Division
Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics
(202) 564-3070

From: Hofmann, Angela

Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 2:37 PM

To: Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>; Layne, Arnold <Layne.Arnold@epa.gov>; Mosby, Jackie <Mosby.Jackie@epa.gov>; Bryan, Jeffrey <Bryan.Jeffrey@epa.gov>; Overstreet, Anne <overstreet.anne@epa.gov>; Barone, Stan <Barone.Stan@epa.gov>; Graves, Inza <Graves.Inza@epa.gov>; Fort, Felecia <Fort.Felecia@epa.gov>; Morris, Jeff <Morris.Jeff@epa.gov>; Mottley, Tanya <Mottley.Tanya@epa.gov>; Cunningham-HQ, Barbara <Cunningham-HQ.Barbara@epa.gov>; Moose, Lindsay <Moose.Lindsay@epa.gov>; Blunck, Christopher <Blunck.Chris@epa.gov>; Pierce, Alison <Pierce.Alison@epa.gov>

Cc: Wise, Louise <Wise.Louise@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Morales, Oscar <Morales.Oscar@epa.gov>; OCSPP DAA-RCS <OCSPP_DAA-RCS@epa.gov>; Schmit, Ryan <schmit.ryan@epa.gov>; Jakob, Avivah <Jakob.Avivah@epa.gov>; Sisco, Debby <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>; Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>; Blair, Susanna <Blair.Susanna@epa.gov>

Subject: Due: 8/28/17 - Annual Regulatory PLAN - List of Items and Draft Narrative

Importance: High

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See attached instructions for more details. If you have questions, contact either Peter or Melissa. Thanks.

- Angela

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To: Griffin, Stephanie[griffin.stephanie@epa.gov]
Cc: Turk, David[Turk.David@epa.gov]
From: Bushman, Daniel
Sent: Thur 8/24/2017 1:11:12 PM
Subject: RE: Short Deadlines - Fall Reg Agenda - Annual Regulatory PLAN - List of Items and Draft Narrative

Hi Stephanie,

(b)(5) DPP

Dan

Daniel R. Bushman, Ph.D.
TRI Petitions Coordinator and Chemical List Manager
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<http://www2.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/tri-listed-chemicals>

From: Griffin, Stephanie
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 4:58 PM
To: Bushman, Daniel <Bushman.Daniel@epa.gov>
Cc: Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Short Deadlines - Fall Reg Agenda - Annual Regulatory PLAN - List of Items and Draft Narrative

Thanks.

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From: Bushman, Daniel
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 3:40 PM
To: Griffin, Stephanie <griffin.stephanie@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Short Deadlines - Fall Reg Agenda - Annual Regulatory PLAN - List of Items and Draft Narrative
Importance: High

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Importance: High

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Hey guys,

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Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 4:18 PM

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Melissa. Thanks.

- Angela

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To: Turk, David[Turk.David@epa.gov]
Cc: Cherepy, Andrea[Cherepy.Andrea@epa.gov]; Reisman, Larry[Reisman.Larry@epa.gov]
From: Blunck, Christopher
Sent: Thur 6/1/2017 8:24:27 PM
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE: Mandatory Spring 2017 Regulatory Agency Follow-Up - Due COB June 2nd!

Thanks!

Chris Blunck
Special Assistant/Policy Advisor
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From: Turk, David
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 4:14 PM
To: Blunck, Christopher <Blunck.Chris@epa.gov>
Cc: Cherepy, Andrea <Cherepy.Andrea@epa.gov>; Reisman, Larry <Reisman.Larry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE: Mandatory Spring 2017 Regulatory Agency Follow-Up - Due COB June 2nd!

Chris,

Here's proposed alternative text that's more neutral in tone:

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-Dave

From: Blunck, Christopher

Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 1:47 PM

To: Reisman, Larry <Reisman.Larry@epa.gov>; Smith, Peterj <Smith.Peterj@epa.gov>; Cherepy, Andrea <Cherepy.Andrea@epa.gov>; Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE: Mandatory Spring 2017 Regulatory Agency Follow-Up - Due COB June 2nd!

A couple observations/one suggested change at this point. Per mention- I will want to run all this stuff by Barbara.

Chris Blunck

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From: Reisman, Larry

Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 12:02 PM

To: Blunck, Christopher <Blunck.Chris@epa.gov>; Smith, Peterj <Smith.Peterj@epa.gov>; Cherepy, Andrea <Cherepy.Andrea@epa.gov>; Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: TIME SENSITIVE: Mandatory Spring 2017 Regulatory Agency Follow-Up - Due COB June 2nd!

Hi Peter,

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Thanks!

Larry

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From: Turk, David
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 11:45 AM
To: Smith, Peterj <Smith.Peterj@epa.gov>
Cc: Reisman, Larry <Reisman.Larry@epa.gov>; Cherepy, Andrea <Cherepy.Andrea@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE: Mandatory Spring 2017 Regulatory Agency Follow-Up - Due COB June 2nd!

Peter,

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Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your help on this matter.

-Dave

From: Smith, Peterj
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Lintner, Colby <Lintner.Colby@epa.gov>; Bryan, Jeffrey <Bryan.Jeffrey@epa.gov>; Smoot, Cameo <Smoot.Cameo@epa.gov>; Yarger, Ryne <Yarger.Ryne@epa.gov>; Hernandez, Connie <Hernandez.Connie@epa.gov>
Cc: Cleland-Hamnett, Wendy <Cleland-Hamnett.Wendy@epa.gov>; Wise, Louise <Wise.Louise@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Morris, Jeff <Morris.Jeff@epa.gov>; Mottley, Tanya <Mottley.Tanya@epa.gov>; Cunningham-HQ, Barbara <Cunningham-HQ.Barbara@epa.gov>; Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>; Layne,

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Subject: TIME SENSITIVE: Mandatory Spring 2017 Regulatory Agency Follow-Up - Due COB June 2nd!

Importance: High

All,

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Let me know ASAP if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for all of your help!

Best,

Peter

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From: Owens, Nicole

Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 7:04 AM

To: Eagles, Tom <Eagles.Tom@epa.gov>; Farrar, Wanda <farrar.wanda@epa.gov>; Simons, Andrew <Simons.Andrew@epa.gov>; Evalenko, Sandy <Evalenko.Sandy@epa.gov>; Flaharty, Stephanie <Flaharty.Stephanie@epa.gov>; Cogliano, Gerain <Cogliano.Gerain@epa.gov>; Noggle, William <Noggle.William@epa.gov>; Smith, Peterj <Smith.Peterj@epa.gov>; Hofmann, Angela <Hofmann.Angela@epa.gov>

Cc: Curry, Bridgid <Curry.Bridgid@epa.gov>; Jutras, Nathaniel <Jutras.Nathaniel@epa.gov>; Muellerleile, Caryn <Muellerleile.Caryn@epa.gov>; Adams, Darryl <Adams.Darryl@epa.gov>; Nurse, Leanne <Nurse.Leanne@epa.gov>; Brown, Stephanie N. <Brown.StephanieN@epa.gov>

Subject: Time Sensitive Reg Agenda To-Do - Response needed by COB June 2

Importance: High

Hello RSC members (Note: OGC you are receiving this because your office has an action on the pending list),

For this Reg Agenda cycle, OMB has instructed agencies to make their "pending" lists public

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Thank you. If you have any questions, let us know.

To: Turk, David[Turk.David@epa.gov]
From: Reisman, Larry
Sent: Thur 6/1/2017 6:25:08 PM
Subject: RE: Alternate Text for NGP in the Reg Agenda

Looks good to me – much more neutral now.

Larry

From: Turk, David
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 2:20 PM
To: Reisman, Larry <Reisman.Larry@epa.gov>
Subject: Alternate Text for NGP in the Reg Agenda

Here's what we had provided:



-Dave



Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Program

Activities in Regulatory Development Branch

Briefing for Upper Administration

March 27, 2017



Agenda

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 **Proposed Rule: Addition of NPEs**

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Proposed Rule: Addition of NPEs (cont.)

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Review Phase: Addition of TURI Petition Chemicals

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Review Phase: Addition of TSCA Work Plan Chemicals

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Review Phase: Addition of TSCA Work Plan Chemicals (cont.)

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Proposed Rule: Addition of Natural Gas Processing Plants (NGPPs)

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Proposed Rule: Addition of Natural Gas Processing Plants (NGPPs) (cont.)

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 **Rule development phase: Adopt 2017
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Rule development phase: Fixes (OSHA Carcinogens and Chemicals)

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Rule development phase: Parent Company Reporting

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To: Bushman, Daniel[Bushman.Daniel@epa.gov]
From: Turk, David
Sent: Tue 7/25/2017 2:41:19 PM
Subject: RE: FYI.....FW: News Articles (For EPA Distribution Only)

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From: Bushman, Daniel
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 9:07 AM
To: Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: FYI.....FW: News Articles (For EPA Distribution Only)

Hi Dave,

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Dan

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From: Tomassoni, Guy

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:57 AM

To: OPPT TRI <OPPT_TRI@epa.gov>

Subject: FYI.....FW: News Articles (For EPA Distribution Only)

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Guy A. Tomassoni, Chief

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<https://www.epa.gov/trinationalanalysis/introduction-2015-tri-national-analysis>

From: Faeth, Lisa

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 10:24 AM

To: Anderson, Steve <Anderson.Steve@epa.gov>; Askinazi, Valerie <Askinazi.Valerie@epa.gov>; Barkas, Jessica <barkas.jessica@epa.gov>; Blair, Susanna <Blair.Susanna@epa.gov>; Blunck, Christopher <Blunck.Chris@epa.gov>; Brown, Sam

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EPA Weighs Changing Chemical Data Reporting Rules



Snapshot

- EPA may revise chemical manufacturers' reporting requirements
- EPA drops draft rules requiring information on hydraulic fracturing and processing chemicals
- Work on risk management rule for trichloroethylene delayed with no end date proposed

By *Pat Rizzuto* and *Tiffany Stecker*

The EPA may revise a regulation used to collect chemical production volume and other information from chemical manufacturers, according to an updated spring regulatory agenda it released July 20.

It has delayed work on a final and a separate, proposed, Toxic Substances Control Act rule, both of which would have restricted some uses of trichloroethylene (TCE), a solvent degreaser that can cause neurological and other health problems at sufficient levels of exposure.

New, Ongoing Rules

The revised Toxic Substances Control Act rule (RIN:2070-AK33) the EPA is considering could alter the information chemical makers must submit under the Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) rule.

The rule requires manufacturers—including importers—to provide the EPA with production volume, processing and use, and other information for chemicals made or imported above specified thresholds. Manufacturers' next reports are due in 2020 and data from past reports has informed EPA's oversight of industrial chemicals under the 2016 Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act.

The Environmental Protection Agency also continues to evaluate a Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) petition (RIN:2070-AK26) to add 25 chemicals to the inventory. The Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Act program asked for additions—such as the solvent n-propyl bromide (nPB)—which are made in volumes greater than one million pounds annually and have well-documented health concerns.

Long-Term Actions

Following a flurry of rulemakings the agency issued June 22 to meet the amended toxics law mandates, the agency moved a number of other rulemakings from its immediate activities list to a register of “long-term actions.”

These include a proposed TSCA rule (RIN:2070-AJ94) to align the hazard communication aspects of its significant new use rules, or SNURs, with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Hazard Communications Standard. That rulemaking also would have revised reporting requirements for requests that chemical manufacturers submit to the EPA, called pre-manufacture notices (PMNs), when they want to make or import a new chemical (81 Fed. Reg. 49,598).

The American Chemistry Council, the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, the American Petroleum Institute, and the American Coatings Association were among the industry groups that told the EPA its proposed revisions went too far. Competitors could have used some of the changes to get proprietary product or use information, they said.

Other long-term rulemakings include:

- a final rule (RIN:2070-AK03) to prohibit the manufacture, processing and distribution in commerce of TCE as a spotting agent in dry cleaning and in commercial and consumer aerosol spray degreasers,
- a proposed significant new use rule (RIN:2070-AK18) requiring companies that want to make a non-aerosol spray degreaser containing TCE to notify the EPA before doing so,
- a final significant new use rule (SNUR; RIN:2070-AK09) for alkylpyrrolidones, which are used as chemical reactants and in adhesives, coatings, silicone seal removers, and consumer and commercial paint primers, and
- a final SNUR for nonylphenols and nonylphenol ethoxylates, which are detergent-like chemicals used for industrial processes and in personal hygiene, automotive, latex paints, lawn care and some consumer laundry products.

Inactive Rulemakings

The EPA has dropped work on several chemical rules, according to a list of inactive federal rulemaking. These include:

- a proposed TSCA rule to obtain information about chemicals and chemical mixtures used for hydraulic fracturing (RIN:2070-AJ93),
- two possible TSCA rules reassessing ongoing authorized uses of polychlorinated biphenyls (RIN:2070-AJ38; RIN:2070-AK12),
- a final TRI rule (RIN:2070-AK16) to require natural gas processing facilities to report the chemicals released into the environment.

The EPA published the proposed TRI rule adding natural gas processors in the final days of the Obama administration to tighten disclosure requirements of toxic emissions under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). Under the draft rule, these processing facilities would have had to submit data to the EPA on at least 21 different chemicals, including hydrogen sulfide, toluene, benzene and methanol. Upstream facilities—like hydraulic fracturing wells—would be exempt.

The agency collected comments on the TRI proposal through May 6. The rule has been included on the last two regulatory agendas, Adam Kron, an attorney for the Environmental Integrity Project (EIP), told Bloomberg BNA. He added that it was unclear whether this action was in line with the requirements for rulemaking under the Administrative Procedure Act.

“I’m not sure what to make of that,” Kron said. “I haven’t seen just parking a rule like this.”

The rulemaking is a result of a petition the EIP and other groups submitted to the EPA in 2012.

The EPA did not respond to questions about the reasons it made these and other regulatory changes.

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The EPA's updated regulatory agenda of current rulemakings is available at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaMain>.

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Small Businesses Praise Effort to Stop EPA's Solvent Rules



Snapshot

- Language in House EPA funding bill would delay restrictions on three solvent rules
- Small chemical companies support the move
- Local government official, advocates point to human, environmental costs of blocked rules

By *Pat Rizzuto*

Small companies in America's heartland welcomed a House committee's effort to block the EPA from restricting the use of three solvents and possibly forcing them to close their doors.

"We might go out of business if the EPA proceeded with the rules as written," Dallas Cochran, who owns a small company called Charles Paint Research, Inc. in Kansas City, Mo., told Bloomberg BNA.

The House Appropriations Committee approved a funding bill and report for the Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies July 18 with provisions directing the regulator to delay its final rules that would restrict some uses of three solvents: trichloroethylene (TCE), methylene chloride, and n-methylpyrrolidone (NMP).

The three solvent rules would be the first to manage chemical risks that the EPA would issue under the 2016 Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act, which amended the Toxic Substances Control Act. The EPA proposed the rules to reduce potential neurological and reproductive health problems that its analysis concluded could result for workers and consumers exposed to the solvents.

Environmental and public health advocates are among those who oppose the delays, saying public confidence in the new chemicals law would be undermined if solvent manufacturers and the House committee succeed in blocking the rules.

A local government agency director in Washington state and the attorney for a coalition of environmental and labor groups said communities, first responders, and workers need the protections these chemical rules would provide.

“We strongly support banning these substances as a needed protection for our residents and our environment. Local governments are first responders for nearly every negative outcome resulting from the widespread use of hazardous chemicals like methylene chloride and TCE—we have a deep stake in this issue,” Lynda Ransley, who directs the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, Washington, said by email.

Chemical Use Restrictions

Using methylene chloride and NMP to remove paint and coatings would generally be prohibited by the EPA's first rule. The second would prohibit TCE for aerosol degreasing and spot cleaning by dry cleaners, while the third would prevent that solvent's use in vapor degreasers, which can be used to clean metal, electronic equipment, and other materials.

The EPA should continue its planned evaluation of the health and environmental risks that many different uses of all three solvents pose before deciding whether to proceed with its three rules, the committee's report said. The EPA's rules were based on narrow risk assessments it conducted before TSCA was amended. Since the law was overhauled, the EPA announced that it would assess a wider range of uses for the three solvents.

Methylene chloride-containing strippers are safe to use if people follow the directions on the label to use them outdoors or in well-ventilated spaces, said Charles Paint Research's Cochran.

Walter Tornstrom, who owns a small company called Rapid Blanket Restorer Corp. in Chesterland, Ohio, told Bloomberg BNA that the House committee approach, which would require the EPA to do more analysis before rulemaking, is better. His company sells a methylene-chloride solvent formulation used in the printing industry.

Both companies employ fewer than five people. The future of their businesses is also a concern for Cochran, who is 62 years old, and Tornstrom, 75. The EPA's rule to restrict the use of one of the solvents could make it difficult for them to sell their business because methylene chloride-containing products are important for both companies, Cochran and Tornstrom told Bloomberg BNA.

Workers, Local Budgets

King County's Ransley told Bloomberg BNA that paramedic services, medical examiners, household hazardous waste collection sites, and solid waste disposal are just a few of the local government services that must deal with the consequences of methylene chloride, TCE, and other hazardous materials in the community, she said.

The county also has to pay hazardous waste disposal fees to safely manage solvent-containing waste that residents bring to local collection sites, she told the EPA in comments on the proposed

rule. If residents were to throw products into their municipal trash can, they will likely land in a public landfill, where they would pollute local air, soil, and water, she wrote in comments on the paint stripping and TCE degreasing rules.

Attorney Robert Sussman, who represents Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families, a national coalition of environmental, labor, and other advocacy groups, also opposes the delay.

“Workers using paint removers will die” if the EPA delays issuing its proposed methylene chloride and NMP restriction rule, he said at a meeting organized by the advocacy organization BlueGreen Alliance Foundation, which represents both workers and environmental groups.

Federal and state health agencies know of 17 deaths involving bathtub refinishers using methylene-chloride containing products.

Amended TSCA

Daniel Rosenberg, an attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, told Bloomberg BNA that the action of the House Appropriations Committee conflicts with the Lautenberg Act, which authorized the EPA to proceed with the rulemakings.

“Given the House language is contrary to the language and intent of Congress in Lautenberg, it would make sense for the Senate to right the wrong of the House by including a statement that reflects what the law said,” he said.

Rosenberg said he's talked to Sen. Tom Udall (D-N.M.), who introduced the Lautenberg Act and is ranking member of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee with jurisdiction over the EPA's budget. Udall is “well-positioned to insist that something as egregious as the House report isn't allowed to influence what EPA does,” Rosenberg said.

Udall's office did not reply to requests for comment July 19.

Richard Denison, lead senior scientist with the Environmental Defense Fund, told Bloomberg BNA the agency doesn't need to start over again with the rules.

“EPA's existing assessments demonstrated that these chemicals pose huge health risks, and we believe EPA has a responsibility to promptly address these risks by finalizing their proposed bans,” he said.

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Deregulation Backers Hedge On Significance Of Initial Trump Rollbacks

Free-market and other proponents of deregulation are reserving judgment -- at least publicly -- on the progress of the Trump administration's pledge to rollback environmental and other regulations, even as administration officials tout their initial successes in withdrawing or reconsidering rules at EPA and other federal agencies.

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Trump outlines deregulation agenda

The White House this morning released the new administration's first regulatory plan, a sweeping survey for all federal agency actions.

The latest issue of the biannual so-called Unified Agenda includes mostly notices to withdraw or revise regulations, a sharp contrast to the Obama years. Plans for dozens of rules have disappeared.

Health advocates sound alarm over Trump EPA, rule delays

Public health advocates are warning that the Trump administration may effectively renege on a landmark chemical safety compromise signed into law last year by President Obama.

The law, which updated the Toxic Substances Control Act for the first time since its enactment in 1976, sought to increase U.S. EPA scrutiny of new and existing chemicals in return for easing chemical regulations at the state level. But some fear President Trump's EPA won't uphold its end of the deal.

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House committee calls for EPA to delay TSCA section 6 rules

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A US House of Representatives committee has urged the EPA to halt TSCA section 6 rulemakings to ban or restrict the use of three solvents.

The recommendation came in a report accompanying the [appropriations committee's interior bill](#) for fiscal year 2018, which sets out next year's funding for the EPA, the Department of the Interior and several other federal agencies.

The report says that the rulemakings – which address the use of trichloroethylene in [dry cleaning](#) and in [vapour degreasing](#), as well as [methylene chloride](#) and [n-methylpyrrolidone \(NMP\)](#) in paint stripping – may not comply with provisions in section 26 of TSCA regarding risk management activities, based on previously completed risk assessments.

In public comments, a coalition of [domestic NMP producers](#) has raised similar concerns.

The committee asked the EPA to halt the work, and instead consider the uses in the ongoing risk assessments of the solvents. Each is being reviewed as one of the [first ten](#) priority substances subject to risk evaluation under the new law.

Melanie Benesh, legislative attorney at the NGO Environmental Working Group (EWG), called it an "outrageous demand". It "reaffirms the hostility" toward environmental protections being seen from both Congress and the White House, "in the name of protecting the profits of the chemicals industry", she added.

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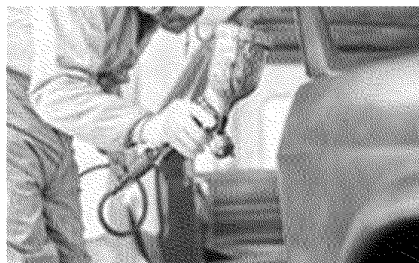
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Information requests dismissed in REACH nano case

Companies do not have to provide physchem data for specific types of silicon dioxide

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The Echa Board of Appeal (BoA) has dismissed a set of substance identity information requests from the agency in a case concerning forms of nano silicon dioxide.

The companies that appealed against the requests will not now have to provide data on eight physio-chemical properties of the forms of synthetic amorphous silica (SAS) – silicon dioxide that has been intentionally produced and lacks consistent inter-molecular structure.

An environmental NGO that intervened on behalf of the agency said that the decision demonstrates the inadequacies of REACH in protecting against the hazards of nanomaterials.

Echa had asked for the physio-chemical data, based on evidence that pyrogenic SAS could be toxic by inhalation. The agency said it needed this because the registration dossier did not explain the differences in toxicity between the different types of SAS.

"The available inhalation studies indicate differences in toxicity and potency between different types of SAS," it told the BoA. "These ... are inextricably bound up with differences in physico-chemical characteristics."

But the BoA said Echa had not substantiated its argument that the potential concern established for pyrogenic SAS extends to the other types.

Overall, the BoA dismissed four of the five requests contested in the case. The other three covered uses of the various forms of SAS including surface-treated. It upheld the request for data from a 90-day, sub-chronic, inhalation, rat toxicity study (OECD test method 413).

SAS is used as an additive in a wide range of products. For example, it is used as a functional filler in polymers and to add strength to rubber tyres, paint and varnishes. It is also added to paper and to food as an anti-lumping agent.

Ruxandra Cana of Steptoe & Johnson, the law firm that represented the appellants, said her clients would comply with the remaining request. But they would "check all opportunities to limit any animal testing to what is necessary".

She added that they welcomed the BoA decision, particularly its statements on whether nanomaterials should be considered potentially hazardous under REACH based purely on their size.

The decision explicitly says that "being a nanomaterial is insufficient on its own. No consistent causal link has yet been established between size and hazardous properties."

But David Azoulay, a lawyer at the Center for International Environmental Law (Ciel), which intervened in the case in favour of Echa, described the outcome as a disappointment.

The agency had made it clear that it could not relate any of the information in the registration dossier to any specific form of SAS, he said. "How is Echa supposed to do its job if it cannot associate toxicity data points with any specific forms of a chemical – when it cannot, in fact, even identify the specific form of the chemical on the market?"

Mr Azoulay said the regulatory framework urgently needs changing and the case demonstrates that Echa will find it difficult to enforce the much delayed nano-specific changes to the REACH annexes when they arrive. The changes are no substitute for a comprehensive nano regulation, he added.

Jodie Melbourne, a nanotechnology specialist at animal rights NGO the Peta International Science Consortium (PISC), was also disappointed, albeit for different reasons. The PISC intervened in the case in favour of the appellants and is critical of the BoA's decision to uphold the request for study data.

"As a result of this, hundreds of animals will be used in experiments, in which they are forced to inhale nanomaterials for up to six hours a day, and then killed," Dr Melbourne said. SAS has a long history of safe use and the scientific dispute may never be resolved, she added.

In March, a group of titanium dioxide producers won a similar appeal. The BoA dismissed Echa's request for more substance identity information about the nanoforms of the substance. But the agency's nanomaterials expert group (NMEG) subsequently said that the decision did not rule out future requests for information on nanoform properties.

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- [BoA decision on case A-015-2015](#)

Echa round-up

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Restriction intention on PAHs in synthetic turf granules

The Netherlands has notified its intention to prepare a restriction proposal on polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in granules used as infill material in synthetic turf. Echa is cooperating with the work, which aims to establish a lower concentration limit.

Granulates as infill material are characterised as mixtures and the reason for the restriction is if the "concentrations of carcinogenic PAHs are as high as the generic limit for mixtures supplied to the general public defined in REACH, there is concern. To ensure that no plastic and rubber granulate is placed on the market with such high PAH concentrations, a lower limit needs to be set."

There will be a call for evidence later this summer with a stakeholder workshop to follow in the autumn. The submission of the restriction proposal is planned for April 2018.

Echa releases updated stats on 2018 registrations

Latest agency figures show that 10,031 registrations have been submitted so far, for the May 2018 REACH deadline. They cover 4,860 substances. The top three submitting countries are Germany, the UK and the Netherlands.

Revamp of CLP webpages

Echa's webpages on the CLP Regulation, and in particular those on the harmonised classification and labelling (CLH) process, have been revamped to include a more detailed description of the process and updated information.

The revised sections are:

- understanding CLP;
- classification of substances and mixtures;
- labelling and packaging;
- harmonised classification and labelling (CLH);
- CLH public consultations; and
- CLH dossier submission.

A new page on the role of testing has been created.

The pages are available in 23 EU languages.

Updated REACH guidance on repeated dose toxicity

The agency has published an update of section R.7.5 on repeated dose toxicity in Chapter R.7a of the *Guidance on Information Requirements and Chemical Safety Assessment*.

This expands on the most appropriate route of administration for such a study. It also takes into account recent developments in the field, such as revised OECD test guidelines and updated recommendations on the use of non-testing methods. Echa says it also reflects its current approach to dossier evaluation by indicating, for instance, which additional specific investigations might be required. The recommended testing and assessment strategy has been refined accordingly.

Section R.7.3 addresses the recent change in REACH Annex VII for skin sensitisation regarding the appropriateness of *in vivo* studies carried out or begun before the date of entry into force of this revised annex.

Draft guidance for identifying EDCs in pesticides and biocides

The expert consultation on draft guidance on how to identify pesticides and biocides with endocrine disrupting properties has been extended. This comes as a result of the volume and complexity of comments received, Echa says. The second consultation of the group was delayed until 17 July. The deadline for comments is 31 August.

A joint drafting team is consulting with the expert group, which is assisting in drafting the document for public consultation. The latter includes members of Echa's Endocrine Disruptors Expert Group and pesticide experts from EU member states and other stakeholder groups.

The drafting team will take comments from them into account in its revised draft version of the guidance, which will then go to public consultation.

This will take place once the final endocrine disruptor criteria are adopted by the European Parliament and EU Council of ministers.

The joint drafting group of scientific staff from the European Food Safety Authority (Efsa) and Echa, with support from the Joint Research Centre, began working on the guidance in January.

Further Information:

- [Restriction intention on PAHs](#)
- [Echa updated 2018 registration stats](#)
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- [Updated REACH guidance on repeated dose toxicity](#)
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UK minister wants REACH ‘mutual recognition’ accord

Swiss model 'one to explore', says environment minister Thérèse Coffey

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The UK intends to secure an early ‘mutual recognition’ agreement on chemicals policy with the EU before it exits the Union, the country’s lead minister on chemicals policy has said.

In her comments to the UK Chemicals Stakeholder Forum this week, Thérèse Coffey said the chemicals sector is an "important priority" for the government, which is looking at different options with "the intention to try to get to a point where we have regulatory equivalence" with the EU.

It would be in the interests of the EU and the UK, she added, to recognise recorded REACH registrations of UK-based entities after Brexit. Describing the registration process as "complex", she said there was "no need" for companies to go through it again.

"We are fully aware of the amount of investment companies have already put into registration," she told the forum. "We are aware of the issues [and] the complex relationships within the current regulatory regime, which extends beyond REACH being [just] a database."

Ms Coffey told the forum the government is "not trying to cherry pick" elements of the EU single market, but is "trying to ensure we have an ongoing effective relationship and mutual recognition of regulations is a key part of that".

Mulling over models

Since the UK’s EU referendum last June, there has been speculation about whether the country could assume a role like Norway’s in the European Economic Area (EEA) or like Switzerland’s in the European Free Trade Area.

Ms Coffey said that "perhaps the Swiss approach is one to explore", as the country is not part of the EEA but has arrangements with the trade bloc.

Asked whether the UK would look to mimic the US' newly reformed TSCA – something EU industry has rebuffed – she said it is not in the UK's interest "for any future agreement with the US or any other country [if it sees] a deterioration in environmental standards".

At the beginning of the discussions, it was "right to look at" the options, Ms Coffey said. But, she said "we recognise where the majority of our industry is, so going off in a completely different way would be a surprising move".

She added that the UK is "well progressed" in its thinking and the work it needs to do "in order to have that effective regulatory regime from day one".

Brexit bill

Brexit negotiations began one month ago and the UK government's European Union (Withdrawal) Bill, which will convert the body of EU law into UK law, was published last week. This bill gives the government power to create regulatory bodies that would take over duties currently performed by EU bodies under EU regulation.

In its current form, it would also allow the UK to create a national chemicals agency – something Chemical Watch understands the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is looking into.

Aspects of the REACH Regulation are given by the government as an example of the kind of functions that may be transferred to UK bodies. Discussing powers to enable UK ministers to correct problems arising from withdrawal, the explanatory notes that accompany the bill say: "Important functions carried out at EU level, such as the evaluation and authorisation of chemicals [...] may need to be transferred to appropriate bodies in the UK for them to continue and [have] the power to deal with deficiencies".

The bill also gives the UK government powers to implement EU obligations through secondary legislation (regulations). Such statutory instruments do not require the approval of Parliament and instead are given a very brief assessment by a parliamentary committee.

Ms Coffey said REACH registration is an important legal requirement and the government "will be converting environmental law like that into UK law to ensure an effective regulatory regime".

In her evidence to the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee inquiry earlier this year, she acknowledged that the UK could not simply 'cut and paste' the Regulation into national law.

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EU Commission notifies WTO of proposed NMP ban

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The European Commission has notified the WTO of a draft Regulation banning the placing of the solvent 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP) on the market. The intention is to address risks to workers caused by inhalation and dermal exposure to the substance.

The REACH restriction would be enforced unless:

- registration dossiers are updated with the new derived no-effect levels (Dnels) for inhalation and dermal exposure indicated in the proposal. This effectively sets occupational exposure limits; and
- manufacturers and downstream users comply with these values in the workplace.

The draft proposes a two-year general deferral of the restriction's application to give stakeholders time to take the necessary compliance measures.

And it makes special mention of the wire-coating industry, for which it is suggesting a longer deferral period of six years. This is because it recognises this sector will have to replace part of its older production lines prematurely to comply with the new Dnels.

The proposed date of adoption is the first half of 2018, with proposed entry into force 20 days after publication in the *EU Official Journal*. The WTO is accepting comments for 60 days.

NMP manufacturers in the US have recently been [urging the EPA](#) to withdraw a proposed rule to ban or restrict certain uses of the substance.

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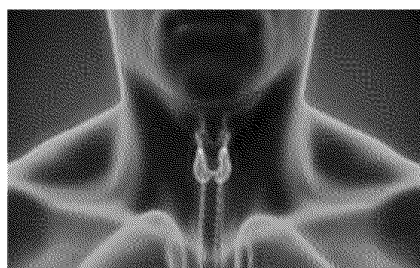
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EURL Ecvam begins large-scale thyroid validation study

Seventeen methods being evaluated together

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The EU Reference Laboratory for Alternatives to Animal Testing (EURL Ecvam) is running a validation study of 17 *in vitro* tests for thyroid-disrupting chemicals.

The thyroid gland is a key part of the endocrine system, secreting iodine-containing hormones (T3 and T4) and the peptide hormone calcitonin. These hormones affect metabolism, cardiovascular health and development. Some manmade chemicals are known to interfere with thyroid function.

With no available validated thyroid *in vitro* methods, the OECD conceptual framework for the testing and assessment of endocrine disruptors focuses only on oestrogenic and androgenic effects.

Only a limited number of *in vitro* methods are ready to begin the validation process and further development and optimisation of assays and protocols are very much needed, say Maurice Whelan, head of EURL Ecvam, and Elise Grignard of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre.

The JRC decided to focus on thyroid tests following a number of recent initiatives.

For example, a recent [JRC survey](#) highlighted an urgent need to improve assessment of chemicals with potential thyroid disrupting properties.

Meanwhile, an OECD advisory group on endocrine disruptors' testing and assessment has asked member countries to request proposals for development of alternative thyroid tests.

EURL Ecvam used a 2014 OECD scoping document on *in vitro* and *ex vivo* assays for identifying modulators of thyroid signalling to help pick the 17 methods.

"The thyroid system is very complex and thus no doubt a suite of *in vitro* tests will be necessary to cover the most important mechanisms," Professor Whelan and Dr Grignard told *Chemical Watch*.

"We believe this validation study is somewhat unprecedented, considering how many complementary methods are being evaluated together," they add.

The second part will use each established method to generate data on a set of reference chemicals. This should indicate how the methods complement each other and how they could be combined in a test battery or testing strategy.

The study will be carried out with the EU Network of Laboratories for the Validation of Alternative Methods (EU-Netval).

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Appropriations committee questions reliance on new TSCA fees in budget request

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A US House of Representatives draft bill is pushing back on cuts to the EPA's toxics programme proposed by the White House and has questioned the extent to which the agency plans to rely on new TSCA fees for the coming fiscal year.

The House appropriations committee's draft fiscal year 2018 interior appropriations bill – which sets out next year's funding for the EPA, the Department of the Interior and several other federal agencies – has recommended \$92.5m for the toxics risk review and prevention programme, in line with 2017 funding levels. This is in contrast to the [\\$65m proposed by the Trump administration](#).

According to the committee report, the administration's budget proposed "an aggressive schedule for developing the new TSCA fee rule, and for the transition of FTE [full-time equivalent] to be covered by new fee collections."

But it expressed concerns that it "may be too aggressive". The committee's recommended funding level for the toxics programme "provides for a more gradual transition to fee-funded FTE for fiscal year 2018 so as to avoid a funding lapse that could impact implementation."

The EPA has not yet proposed a rule for collection of new fees under TSCA.

The maintenance of 2017 spending levels for the toxics programme is generally in line with the committee's broader plans for the agency, which would see it funded at \$7.5bn next year. While this would reduce EPA funding by \$528m below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level, it is close to \$1.9bn above the 30% cut called for in the [Trump administration's requested budget](#).

Research spending

The committee has recommended continuing to fund the computational toxicology and endocrine disruptor programmes at the fiscal year 2017 enacted levels, within a \$108m chemical safety and sustainability research programme.

The report says the committee supports EPA's computational toxicology research activities "to advance the next generation of risk assessment methods to enable integration of tiered toxicity evaluation strategies, advanced high throughput molecular biological assays and computational methods with exposure information to support risk-based decisions for prioritisation and screening."

With regard to alternatives testing, it commends the agency for "developing new scientific methods, removing barriers and fostering cooperation in implementing the toxicity testing agenda" outlined in a 2007 National Academy of Sciences report.

But it has asked that the agency submit a report describing its progress in:

- researching, developing, validating and translating non-animal chemical testing methods that characterise toxicity pathways;
- efforts to coordinate these activities across agencies; and
- future plans to incorporate the toxicity testing approach outlined in a [January National Academies report](#).

The committee also encouraged the agency to present it with options for "new or expanded partnerships" with institutes, foundations and universities on such topics as filling gaps in assessing exposure and non-animal toxicity testing.

It would also "support the realignment and consolidation of risk assessment resources if proposed in future budget requests" from the agency.

Additional provisions

In line with a May spending measure that funded the government through September, the committee's bill also calls for:

- the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to be barred from issuing more than 40 toxicological profiles during the 2018 fiscal year; and
- a prohibition on any of the funds in the budget to be used to regulate the lead content of ammunition, ammunition components or fishing tackle under TSCA or any other law.

The bill seeks to preserve the Chemical Safety Board (CSB), an independent federal agency charged with investigating industrial chemical accidents. The Trump administration had proposed scrapping it.

It is one of several appropriations measures that could be packaged together for a House vote, ahead of budget negotiations with the Senate this autumn. The final bill agreed by both chambers will fund the government for fiscal year 2018 – from October 2017 until September 2018.

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EPA Weighs Changing Chemical Data Reporting Rules



Snapshot

- EPA may revise chemical manufacturers' reporting requirements
- EPA drops draft rules requiring information on hydraulic fracturing and processing chemicals
- Work on risk management rule for trichloroethylene delayed with no end date proposed

By *[Pat Rizzuto](#)* and *[Tiffany Stecker](#)*

The EPA may revise a regulation used to collect chemical production volume and other information from chemical manufacturers, according to an updated spring regulatory agenda it released July 20.

It has delayed work on a final and a separate, proposed, Toxic Substances Control Act rule, both of which would have restricted some uses of trichloroethylene (TCE), a solvent degreaser that can cause neurological and other health problems at sufficient levels of exposure.

New, Ongoing Rules

The revised Toxic Substances Control Act rule (RIN:2070-AK33) the EPA is considering could alter the information chemical makers must submit under the Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) rule.

The rule requires manufacturers—including importers—to provide the EPA with production

volume, processing and use, and other information for chemicals made or imported above specified thresholds. Manufacturers' next reports are due in 2020 and data from past reports has informed EPA's oversight of industrial chemicals under the 2016 Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act.

The Environmental Protection Agency also continues to evaluate a Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) petition (RIN:2070-AK26) to add 25 chemicals to the inventory. The Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Act program asked for additions—such as the solvent n-propyl bromide (nPB)—which are made in volumes greater than one million pounds annually and have well-documented health concerns.

Long-Term Actions

Following a flurry of rulemakings the agency issued June 22 to meet the amended toxics law mandates, the agency moved a number of other rulemakings from its immediate activities list to a register of “long-term actions.”

These include a proposed TSCA rule (RIN:2070-AJ94) to align the hazard communication aspects of its significant new use rules, or SNURs, with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Hazard Communications Standard. That rulemaking also would have revised reporting requirements for requests that chemical manufacturers submit to the EPA, called pre-manufacture notices (PMNs), when they want to make or import a new chemical (81 Fed. Reg. 49,598).

The American Chemistry Council, the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, the American Petroleum Institute, and the American Coatings Association were among the industry groups that told the EPA its proposed revisions went too far. Competitors could have used some of the changes to get proprietary product or use information, they said.

Other long-term rulemakings include:

- a final rule (RIN:2070-AK03) to prohibit the manufacture, processing and distribution in commerce of TCE as a spotting agent in dry cleaning and in commercial and consumer aerosol spray degreasers,
- a proposed significant new use rule (RIN:2070-AK18) requiring companies that want to make a non-aerosol spray degreaser containing TCE to notify the EPA before doing so,
- a final significant new use rule (SNUR; RIN:2070-AK09) for alkylpyrrolidones, which are used as chemical reactants and in adhesives, coatings, silicone seal removers, and consumer and commercial paint primers, and
- a final SNUR for nonylphenols and nonylphenol ethoxylates, which are detergent-like chemicals used for industrial processes and in personal hygiene, automotive, latex paints, lawn care and some consumer laundry products.

Inactive Rulemakings

The EPA has dropped work on several chemical rules, according to a list of inactive federal rulemaking. These include:

- a proposed TSCA rule to obtain information about chemicals and chemical mixtures used for hydraulic fracturing (RIN:2070-AJ93),
- two possible TSCA rules reassessing ongoing authorized uses of polychlorinated biphenyls (RIN:2070-AJ38; RIN:2070-AK12),
- a final TRI rule (RIN:2070-AK16) to require natural gas processing facilities to report the chemicals released into the environment.

The EPA published the proposed TRI rule adding natural gas processors in the final days of the Obama administration to tighten disclosure requirements of toxic emissions under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). Under the draft rule, these processing facilities would have had to submit data to the EPA on at least 21 different chemicals, including hydrogen sulfide, toluene, benzene and methanol. Upstream facilities—like hydraulic fracturing wells—would be exempt.

The agency collected comments on the TRI proposal through May 6. The rule has been included on the last two regulatory agendas, Adam Kron, an attorney for the Environmental Integrity Project (EIP), told Bloomberg BNA. He added that it was unclear whether this action was in line with the requirements for rulemaking under the Administrative Procedure Act.

“I’m not sure what to make of that,” Kron said. “I haven’t seen just parking a rule like this.”

The rulemaking is a result of a petition the EIP and other groups submitted to the EPA in 2012.

The EPA did not respond to questions about the reasons it made these and other regulatory changes.

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Small Businesses Praise Effort to Stop EPA's Solvent Rules



Snapshot

- Language in House EPA funding bill would delay restrictions on three solvent rules
- Small chemical companies support the move
- Local government official, advocates point to human, environmental costs of blocked rules

By *Pat Rizzuto*

Small companies in America's heartland welcomed a House committee's effort to block the EPA from restricting the use of three solvents and possibly forcing them to close their doors.

“We might go out of business if the EPA proceeded with the rules as written,” Dallas Cochran, who owns a small company called Charles Paint Research, Inc. in Kansas City, Mo., told Bloomberg BNA.

The House Appropriations Committee approved a funding bill and report for the Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies July 18 with provisions directing the regulator to delay its final rules that would restrict some uses of three solvents: trichloroethylene (TCE), methylene chloride, and n-methylpyrrolidone (NMP).

The three solvent rules would be the first to manage chemical risks that the EPA would issue under the 2016 Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act, which amended the Toxic Substances Control Act. The EPA proposed the rules to reduce potential neurological and reproductive health problems that its analysis concluded could result for workers and consumers exposed to the solvents.

Environmental and public health advocates are among those who oppose the delays, saying public confidence in the new chemicals law would be undermined if solvent manufacturers and the House committee succeed in blocking the rules.

A local government agency director in Washington state and the attorney for a coalition of

environmental and labor groups said communities, first responders, and workers need the protections these chemical rules would provide.

“We strongly support banning these substances as a needed protection for our residents and our environment. Local governments are first responders for nearly every negative outcome resulting from the widespread use of hazardous chemicals like methylene chloride and TCE—we have a deep stake in this issue,” Lynda Ransley, who directs the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, Washington, said by email.

Chemical Use Restrictions

Using methylene chloride and NMP to remove paint and coatings would generally be prohibited by the EPA's first rule. The second would prohibit TCE for aerosol degreasing and spot cleaning by dry cleaners, while the third would prevent that solvent's use in vapor degreasers, which can be used to clean metal, electronic equipment, and other materials.

The EPA should continue its planned evaluation of the health and environmental risks that many different uses of all three solvents pose before deciding whether to proceed with its three rules, the committee's report said. The EPA's rules were based on narrow risk assessments it conducted before TSCA was amended. Since the law was overhauled, the EPA announced that it would assess a wider range of uses for the three solvents.

Methylene chloride-containing strippers are safe to use if people follow the directions on the label to use them outdoors or in well-ventilated spaces, said Charles Paint Research's Cochran.

Walter Tornstrom, who owns a small company called Rapid Blanket Restorer Corp. in Chesterland, Ohio, told Bloomberg BNA that the House committee approach, which would require the EPA to do more analysis before rulemaking, is better. His company sells a methylene-chloride solvent formulation used in the printing industry.

Both companies employ fewer than five people. The future of their businesses is also a concern for Cochran, who is 62 years old, and Tornstrom, 75. The EPA's rule to restrict the use of one of the solvents could make it difficult for them to sell their business because methylene chloride-containing products are important for both companies, Cochran and Tornstrom told Bloomberg BNA.

Workers, Local Budgets

King County's Ransley told Bloomberg BNA that paramedic services, medical examiners, household hazardous waste collection sites, and solid waste disposal are just a few of the local government services that must deal with the consequences of methylene chloride, TCE, and other hazardous materials in the community, she said.

The county also has to pay hazardous waste disposal fees to safely manage solvent-containing waste that residents bring to local collection sites, she told the EPA in comments on the proposed rule. If residents were to throw products into their municipal trash can, they will likely land in a

public landfill, where they would pollute local air, soil, and water, she wrote in comments on the paint stripping and TCE degreasing rules.

Attorney Robert Sussman, who represents Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families, a national coalition of environmental, labor, and other advocacy groups, also opposes the delay.

“Workers using paint removers will die” if the EPA delays issuing its proposed methylene chloride and NMP restriction rule, he said at a meeting organized by the advocacy organization BlueGreen Alliance Foundation, which represents both workers and environmental groups.

Federal and state health agencies know of 17 deaths involving bathtub refinishers using methylene-chloride containing products.

Amended TSCA

Daniel Rosenberg, an attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, told Bloomberg BNA that the action of the House Appropriations Committee conflicts with the Lautenberg Act, which authorized the EPA to proceed with the rulemakings.

“Given the House language is contrary to the language and intent of Congress in Lautenberg, it would make sense for the Senate to right the wrong of the House by including a statement that reflects what the law said,” he said.

Rosenberg said he's talked to Sen. Tom Udall (D-N.M.), who introduced the Lautenberg Act and is ranking member of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee with jurisdiction over the EPA's budget. Udall is “well-positioned to insist that something as egregious as the House report isn't allowed to influence what EPA does,” Rosenberg said.

Udall's office did not reply to requests for comment July 19.

Richard Denison, lead senior scientist with the Environmental Defense Fund, told Bloomberg BNA the agency doesn't need to start over again with the rules.

“EPA's existing assessments demonstrated that these chemicals pose huge health risks, and we believe EPA has a responsibility to promptly address these risks by finalizing their proposed bans,” he said.

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Trump outlines deregulation agenda

The White House this morning released the new administration's first regulatory plan, a sweeping survey for all federal agency actions.

The latest issue of the biannual so-called Unified Agenda includes mostly notices to withdraw or revise regulations, a sharp contrast to the Obama years. Plans for dozens of rules have disappeared.

Health advocates sound alarm over Trump EPA, rule delays

Public health advocates are warning that the Trump administration may effectively renege on a landmark chemical safety compromise signed into law last year by President Obama.

The law, which updated the Toxic Substances Control Act for the first time since its enactment in 1976, sought to increase U.S. EPA scrutiny of new and existing chemicals in return for easing chemical regulations at the state level. But some fear President Trump's EPA won't uphold its end of the deal.

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House committee calls for EPA to delay TSCA section 6 rules

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A US House of Representatives committee has urged the EPA to halt TSCA section 6 rulemakings to ban or restrict the use of three solvents.

The recommendation came in a report accompanying the [appropriations committee's interior bill](#) for fiscal year 2018, which sets out next year's funding for the EPA, the Department of the Interior and several other federal agencies.

The report says that the rulemakings – which address the use of trichloroethylene in [dry cleaning](#) and in [vapour degreasing](#), as well as [methylene chloride and n-methylpyrrolidone \(NMP\)](#) in paint stripping – may not comply with provisions in section 26 of TSCA regarding risk management activities, based on previously completed risk assessments.

In public comments, a coalition of [domestic NMP producers](#) has raised similar concerns.

The committee asked the EPA to halt the work, and instead consider the uses in the ongoing risk assessments of the solvents. Each is being reviewed as one of the [first ten](#) priority substances subject to risk evaluation under the new law.

Melanie Benesh, legislative attorney at the NGO Environmental Working Group (EWG), called it an "outrageous demand". It "reaffirms the hostility" toward environmental protections being seen from both Congress and the White House, "in the name of protecting the profits of the chemicals industry", she added.

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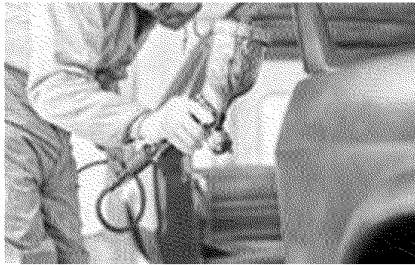
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Information requests dismissed in REACH nano case

Companies do not have to provide physchem data for specific types of silicon dioxide



The Echa Board of Appeal (BoA) has dismissed a set of substance identity information requests from the agency in a case concerning forms of nano silicon dioxide.

The companies that [appealed against the requests](#) will not now have to provide data on eight physio-chemical properties of the forms of synthetic amorphous silica (SAS) – silicon dioxide that has been intentionally produced and lacks consistent inter-molecular structure.

An environmental NGO that intervened on behalf of the agency said that the decision demonstrates the inadequacies of REACH in protecting against the hazards of nanomaterials.

Echa had asked for the physio-chemical data, based on evidence that pyrogenic SAS could be toxic by inhalation. The agency said it needed this because the registration dossier did not explain the differences in toxicity between the different types of SAS.

"The available inhalation studies indicate differences in toxicity and potency between different types of SAS," it told the BoA. "These ... are inextricably bound up with differences in physico-chemical characteristics."

But the BoA said Echa had not substantiated its argument that the potential concern established for pyrogenic SAS extends to the other types.

Overall, the BoA dismissed four of the five requests contested in the case. The other three covered uses of the various forms of SAS including surface-treated. It upheld the request for data from a 90-day, sub-chronic, inhalation, rat toxicity study (OECD test method 413).

SAS is used as an additive in a wide range of products. For example, it is used as a functional filler in polymers and to add strength to rubber tyres, paint and varnishes. It is also added to paper and to food as an anti-lumping agent.

Ruxandra Cana of Steptoe & Johnson, the law firm that represented the appellants, said her clients would comply with the remaining request. But they would "check all opportunities to limit any animal testing to what is necessary".

She added that they welcomed the BoA decision, particularly its statements on whether nanomaterials should be considered potentially hazardous under REACH based purely on their size.

The decision explicitly says that "being a nanomaterial is insufficient on its own. No consistent causal link has yet been established between size and hazardous properties."

But David Azoulay, a lawyer at the Center for International Environmental Law (Ciel), which intervened in the case in favour of Echa, described the outcome as a disappointment.

The agency had made it clear that it could not relate any of the information in the registration dossier to any specific form of SAS, he said. "How is Echa supposed to do its job if it cannot associate toxicity data points with any specific forms of a chemical – when it cannot, in fact, even identify the specific form of the chemical on the market?"

Mr Azoulay said the regulatory framework urgently needs changing and the case demonstrates that Echa will find it difficult to enforce the much delayed nano-specific changes to the REACH annexes when they arrive. The changes are no substitute for a comprehensive nano regulation, he added.

Jodie Melbourne, a nanotechnology specialist at animal rights NGO the Peta International Science Consortium (PISC), was also disappointed, albeit for different reasons. The PISC intervened in the case in favour of the appellants and is critical of the BoA's decision to uphold the request for study data.

"As a result of this, hundreds of animals will be used in experiments, in which they are forced to inhale nanomaterials for up to six hours a day, and then killed," Dr Melbourne said. SAS has a long history of safe use and the scientific dispute may never be resolved, she added.

In March, a group of titanium dioxide producers won a similar appeal. The BoA dismissed Echa's request for more substance identity information about the nanoforms of the substance. But the agency's nanomaterials expert group (NMEG) subsequently said that the decision did not rule out future requests for information on nanoform properties.

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Echa round-up

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Restriction intention on PAHs in synthetic turf granules

The Netherlands has notified its intention to prepare a restriction proposal on polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in granules used as infill material in synthetic turf. Echa is cooperating with the work, which aims to establish a lower concentration limit.

Granulates as infill material are characterised as mixtures and the reason for the restriction is if the "concentrations of carcinogenic PAHs are as high as the generic limit for mixtures supplied to the general public defined in REACH, there is concern. To ensure that no plastic and rubber granulate is placed on the market with such high PAH concentrations, a lower limit needs to be set."

There will be a call for evidence later this summer with a stakeholder workshop to follow in the autumn. The submission of the restriction proposal is planned for April 2018.

Echa releases updated stats on 2018 registrations

Latest agency figures show that 10,031 registrations have been submitted so far, for the May 2018 REACH deadline. They cover 4,860 substances. The top three submitting countries are Germany, the UK and the Netherlands.

Revamp of CLP webpages

Echa's webpages on the CLP Regulation, and in particular those on the harmonised classification and labelling (CLH) process, have been revamped to include a more detailed description of the process and updated information.

The revised sections are:

- understanding CLP;
- classification of substances and mixtures;
- labelling and packaging;
- harmonised classification and labelling (CLH);
- CLH public consultations; and
- CLH dossier submission.

A new page on the role of testing has been created.

The pages are available in 23 EU languages.

Updated REACH guidance on repeated dose toxicity

The agency has published an update of section R.7.5 on repeated dose toxicity in Chapter R.7a of the *Guidance on Information Requirements and Chemical Safety Assessment*.

This expands on the most appropriate route of administration for such a study. It also takes into account recent developments in the field, such as revised OECD test guidelines and updated recommendations on the use of non-testing methods. Echa says it also reflects its current approach to dossier evaluation by indicating, for instance, which additional specific investigations might be required. The recommended testing and assessment strategy has been refined accordingly.

Section R.7.3 addresses the recent change in REACH Annex VII for skin sensitisation regarding the appropriateness of *in vivo* studies carried out or begun before the date of entry into force of this revised annex.

Draft guidance for identifying EDCs in pesticides and biocides

The expert consultation on draft guidance on how to identify pesticides and biocides with endocrine disrupting properties has been extended. This comes as a result of the volume and complexity of comments received, Echa says. The second consultation of the group was delayed until 17 July. The deadline for comments is 31 August.

A joint drafting team is consulting with the expert group, which is assisting in drafting the document for public consultation. The latter includes members of Echa's Endocrine Disruptors Expert Group and pesticide experts from EU member states and other stakeholder groups.

The drafting team will take comments from them into account in its revised draft version of the guidance, which will then go to public consultation.

This will take place once the final endocrine disruptor criteria are adopted by the European Parliament and EU Council of ministers.

The joint drafting group of scientific staff from the European Food Safety Authority (Efsa) and Echa, with support from the Joint Research Centre, began working on the guidance in January.

Further Information:

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UK minister wants REACH ‘mutual recognition’ accord

Swiss model 'one to explore', says environment minister Thérèse Coffey

20 July 2017 / REACH, Substance registration, United Kingdom



The UK intends to secure an early ‘mutual recognition’ agreement on chemicals policy with the EU before it exits the Union, the country’s lead minister on chemicals policy has said.

In her comments to the UK Chemicals Stakeholder Forum this week, Thérèse Coffey said the chemicals sector is an "important priority" for the government, which is looking at different options with "the intention to try to get to a point where we have regulatory equivalence" with the EU.

It would be in the interests of the EU and the UK, she added, to recognise recorded REACH registrations of UK-based entities after Brexit. Describing the registration process as "complex", she said there was "no need" for companies to go through it again.

"We are fully aware of the amount of investment companies have already put into registration," she told the forum. "We are aware of the issues [and] the complex relationships within the current regulatory regime, which extends beyond REACH being [just] a database."

Ms Coffey told the forum the government is "not trying to cherry pick" elements of the EU single market, but is "trying to ensure we have an ongoing effective relationship and mutual recognition of regulations is a key part of that".

Mulling over models

Since the UK’s EU referendum last June, there has been speculation about whether the country could assume a role like Norway’s in the European Economic Area (EEA) or like Switzerland’s in the European Free Trade Area.

Ms Coffey said that "perhaps the Swiss approach is one to explore", as the country is not part of the EEA but has arrangements with the trade bloc.

Asked whether the UK would look to mimic the US' newly reformed TSCA – something EU industry has rebuffed – she said it is not in the UK's interest "for any future agreement with the US or any other country [if it sees] a deterioration in environmental standards".

At the beginning of the discussions, it was "right to look at" the options, Ms Coffey said. But, she said "we recognise where the majority of our industry is, so going off in a completely different way would be a surprising move".

She added that the UK is "well progressed" in its thinking and the work it needs to do "in order to have that effective regulatory regime from day one".

Brexit bill

Brexit negotiations began one month ago and the UK government's European Union (Withdrawal) Bill, which will convert the body of EU law into UK law, was published last week. This bill gives the government power to create regulatory bodies that would take over duties currently performed by EU bodies under EU regulation.

In its current form, it would also allow the UK to create a national chemicals agency – something Chemical Watch understands the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is looking into.

Aspects of the REACH Regulation are given by the government as an example of the kind of functions that may be transferred to UK bodies. Discussing powers to enable UK ministers to correct problems arising from withdrawal, the explanatory notes that accompany the bill say: "Important functions carried out at EU level, such as the evaluation and authorisation of chemicals [...] may need to be transferred to appropriate bodies in the UK for them to continue and [have] the power to deal with deficiencies".

The bill also gives the UK government powers to implement EU obligations through secondary legislation (regulations). Such statutory instruments do not require the approval of Parliament and instead are given a very brief assessment by a parliamentary committee.

Ms Coffey said REACH registration is an important legal requirement and the government "will be converting environmental law like that into UK law to ensure an effective regulatory regime".

In her evidence to the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee inquiry earlier this year, she acknowledged that the UK could not simply 'cut and paste' the Regulation into national law.

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EU Commission notifies WTO of proposed NMP ban

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The European Commission has notified the WTO of a draft Regulation banning the placing of the solvent 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP) on the market. The intention is to address risks to workers caused by inhalation and dermal exposure to the substance.

The REACH restriction would be enforced unless:

- registration dossiers are updated with the new derived no-effect levels (Dnels) for inhalation and dermal exposure indicated in the proposal. This effectively sets occupational exposure limits; and
- manufacturers and downstream users comply with these values in the workplace.

The draft proposes a two-year general deferral of the restriction's application to give stakeholders time to take the necessary compliance measures.

And it makes special mention of the wire-coating industry, for which it is suggesting a longer deferral period of six years. This is because it recognises this sector will have to replace part of its older production lines prematurely to comply with the new Dnels.

The proposed date of adoption is the first half of 2018, with proposed entry into force 20 days after publication in the *EU Official Journal*. The WTO is accepting comments for 60 days.

NMP manufacturers in the US have recently been [urging the EPA](#) to withdraw a proposed rule to ban or restrict certain uses of the substance.

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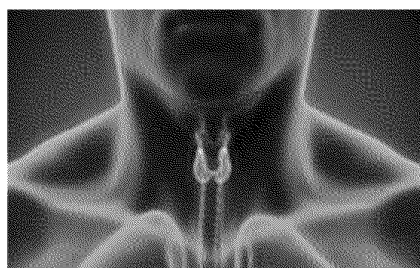
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EURL Ecvam begins large-scale thyroid validation study

Seventeen methods being evaluated together

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The EU Reference Laboratory for Alternatives to Animal Testing (EURL Ecvam) is running a validation study of 17 *in vitro* tests for thyroid-disrupting chemicals.

The thyroid gland is a key part of the endocrine system, secreting iodine-containing hormones (T3 and T4) and the peptide hormone calcitonin. These hormones affect metabolism, cardiovascular health and development. Some manmade chemicals are known to interfere with thyroid function.

With no available validated thyroid *in vitro* methods, the OECD conceptual framework for the testing and assessment of endocrine disruptors focuses only on oestrogenic and androgenic effects.

Only a limited number of *in vitro* methods are ready to begin the validation process and further development and optimisation of assays and protocols are very much needed, say Maurice Whelan, head of EURL Ecvam, and Elise Grignard of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre.

The JRC decided to focus on thyroid tests following a number of recent initiatives.

For example, a recent [JRC survey](#) highlighted an urgent need to improve assessment of chemicals with potential thyroid disrupting properties.

Meanwhile, an OECD advisory group on endocrine disruptors' testing and assessment has asked member countries to request proposals for development of alternative thyroid tests.

EURL Ecvam used a 2014 OECD scoping document on *in vitro* and *ex vivo* assays for identifying modulators of thyroid signalling to help pick the 17 methods.

"The thyroid system is very complex and thus no doubt a suite of *in vitro* tests will be necessary to cover the most important mechanisms," Professor Whelan and Dr Grignard told *Chemical Watch*.

"We believe this validation study is somewhat unprecedented, considering how many complementary methods are being evaluated together," they add.

The second part will use each established method to generate data on a set of reference chemicals. This should indicate how the methods complement each other and how they could be combined in a test battery or testing strategy.

The study will be carried out with the EU Network of Laboratories for the Validation of Alternative Methods (EU-Netval).

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House bill proposes to maintain funding for EPA toxics programme

Appropriations committee questions reliance on new TSCA fees in budget request

20 July 2017 / TSCA, United States



A US House of Representatives draft bill is pushing back on cuts to the EPA's toxics programme proposed by the White House and has questioned the extent to which the agency plans to rely on new TSCA fees for the coming fiscal year.

The House appropriations committee's draft fiscal year 2018 interior appropriations bill – which sets out next year's funding for the EPA, the Department of the Interior and several other federal agencies – has recommended \$92.5m for the toxics risk review and prevention programme, in line with 2017 funding levels. This is in contrast to the [\\$65m proposed by the Trump administration](#).

According to the committee report, the administration's budget proposed "an aggressive schedule for developing the new TSCA fee rule, and for the transition of FTE [full-time equivalent] to be covered by new fee collections."

But it expressed concerns that it "may be too aggressive". The committee's recommended funding level for the toxics programme "provides for a more gradual transition to fee-funded FTE for fiscal year 2018 so as to avoid a funding lapse that could impact implementation."

The EPA has not yet proposed a rule for collection of new fees under TSCA.

The maintenance of 2017 spending levels for the toxics programme is generally in line with the committee's broader plans for the agency, which would see it funded at \$7.5bn next year. While this would reduce EPA funding by \$528m below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level, it is close to \$1.9bn above the 30% cut called for in the [Trump administration's requested budget](#).

Research spending

The committee has recommended continuing to fund the computational toxicology and endocrine disruptor programmes at the fiscal year 2017 enacted levels, within a \$108m chemical safety and sustainability research programme.

The report says the committee supports EPA's computational toxicology research activities "to advance the next generation of risk assessment methods to enable integration of tiered toxicity evaluation strategies, advanced high throughput molecular biological assays and computational methods with exposure information to support risk-based decisions for prioritisation and screening."

With regard to alternatives testing, it commends the agency for "developing new scientific methods, removing barriers and fostering cooperation in implementing the toxicity testing agenda" outlined in a 2007 National Academy of Sciences report.

But it has asked that the agency submit a report describing its progress in:

- researching, developing, validating and translating non-animal chemical testing methods that characterise toxicity pathways;
- efforts to coordinate these activities across agencies; and
- future plans to incorporate the toxicity testing approach outlined in a [January National Academies report](#).

The committee also encouraged the agency to present it with options for "new or expanded partnerships" with institutes, foundations and universities on such topics as filling gaps in assessing exposure and non-animal toxicity testing.

It would also "support the realignment and consolidation of risk assessment resources if proposed in future budget requests" from the agency.

Additional provisions

In line with a May spending measure that funded the government through September, the committee's bill also calls for:

- the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to be barred from issuing more than 40 toxicological profiles during the 2018 fiscal year; and
- a prohibition on any of the funds in the budget to be used to regulate the lead content of ammunition, ammunition components or fishing tackle under TSCA or any other law.

The bill seeks to preserve the Chemical Safety Board (CSB), an independent federal agency charged with investigating industrial chemical accidents. The Trump administration had proposed scrapping it.

It is one of several appropriations measures that could be packaged together for a House vote, ahead of budget negotiations with the Senate this autumn. The final bill agreed by both chambers will fund the government for fiscal year 2018 – from October 2017 until September 2018.

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To: Canavan, Sheila <Canavan.Sheila@epa.gov>; Groeneveld, Thomas <Groeneveld.Thomas@epa.gov>; Williamson, Tracy <Williamson.Tracy@epa.gov>; Cherepy, Andrea <Cherepy.Andrea@epa.gov>; Pierce, Alison <Pierce.Alison@epa.gov>; Blunck, Christopher <Blunck.Chris@epa.gov>; Scheifele, Hans <Scheifele.Hans@epa.gov>
Cc: Passe, Loraine <Passe.Loraine@epa.gov>; Schweer, Greg <Schweer.Greg@epa.gov>; Wolf, Joel <Wolf.Joel@epa.gov>; Price, Michelle <Price.Michelle@epa.gov>; Winchester, Erik <Winchester.Erik@epa.gov>; Moose, Lindsay <Moose.Lindsay@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Re: Spring 2017 Regulatory Agenda Update
Importance: High

Hi All,

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Let me know if you have any questions as we complete this exercise.

Thanks - Colby

From: Smith, Peterj

Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 3:44 PM

To: Bryan, Jeffrey <Bryan.Jeffrey@epa.gov>; Lintner, Colby <Lintner.Colby@epa.gov>; Hofmann, Angela <Hofmann.Angela@epa.gov>; Chun, Melissa <Chun.Melissa@epa.gov>; Green, Teresa <Green.Teresa@epa.gov>; Pastor, Justo <Pastor.Justo@epa.gov>; Pierce, Alison <Pierce.Alison@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Spring 2017 Regulatory Agenda Update

Importance: High

All,

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To: Reisman, Larry[Reisman.Larry@epa.gov]
From: Turk, David
Sent: Thur 5/4/2017 6:05:00 PM
Subject: Fwd: ACTION NEEDED - Briefing Materials

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From: "Kenney, James" <Kenney.James@epa.gov>
Date: May 4, 2017 at 1:49:10 PM EDT
To: "Janifer, Pamela" <Janifer.Pamela@epa.gov>, "Vendinello, Lynn" <Vendinello.Lynn@epa.gov>, "Mattheisen, Mike" <Mattheisen.Mike@epa.gov>, "Passe, Loraine" <Passe.Loraine@epa.gov>, "Turk, David" <Turk.David@epa.gov>, "Holmes, Carol" <Holmes.Carol@epa.gov>, "Kirby, Kevin" <KIRBY.KEVIN@EPA.GOV>, "Parikh, Pooja" <Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov>, "Phillips, Anna" <Phillips.Anna@epa.gov>, "Elliott, Ross" <Elliott.Ross@epa.gov>, "Green, Holly" <Green.Holly@epa.gov>, "Moskal, John" <Moskal.John@epa.gov>, "Floto, Erin" <Floto.Erin@epa.gov>, "White, Terri-A" <White.Terri-A@epa.gov>, "Smith, Brian" <Smith.Brian@epa.gov>, "Hall, Richard" <Hall.Richard@epa.gov>, "Jann, Stephen" <jann.stephen@epa.gov>, "Lawrence, Rob" <Lawrence.Rob@epa.gov>, "Hildebrandt, Kurt" <Hildebrandt.Kurt@epa.gov>, "Beeler, Cindy" <Beeler.Cindy@epa.gov>, "Albright, David" <Albright.David@epa.gov>, "Werntz, James" <Werntz.James@epa.gov>, "Davis, Alison" <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>, "Strauss, Linda" <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>, "Senn, John" <Senn.John@epa.gov>, "Martin, JohnT" <martin.johnt@epa.gov>, "Loop, Travis" <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>, "Gray, David" <gray.david@epa.gov>, "Smith, Paula" <Smith.Paula@epa.gov>, "Devito, Steve" <Devito.Steve@epa.gov>, "Byrne, Andrew" <Byrne.Andrew@epa.gov>, "Matthews, Lisa" <Matthews.Lisa@epa.gov>, "Hambrick, Amy" <Hambrick.Amy@epa.gov>, "Shaw, Hanh" <Shaw.Hanh@epa.gov>, "McGarry, Barbara" <McGarry.Barbara@epa.gov>, "Teichman, Kevin" <Teichman.Kevin@epa.gov>
Subject: ACTION NEEDED - Briefing Materials

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Topic:

Program/Region:

Issue summary: [Try for ten sentences or less.]

Next steps: [If there is a critical key message, option or timeline; please make it clear.]

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Thanks,

Jim

James C. Kenney

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To: Lintner, Colby[Lintner.Colby@epa.gov]
From: Turk, David
Sent: Thur 8/31/2017 2:42:29 PM
Subject: RE: tri actions

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From: Lintner, Colby
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 4:18 PM
To: Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>
Subject: tri actions

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Colby Lintner

Environmental Protection Specialist

Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics

Environmental Assistance Division, USEPA

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To: Blunck, Christopher[Blunck.Chris@epa.gov]
Cc: Cherepy, Andrea[Cherepy.Andrea@epa.gov]
From: Turk, David
Sent: Thur 6/1/2017 8:26:15 PM
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE: Mandatory Spring 2017 Regulatory Agency Follow-Up - Due COB June 2nd!

Just noticed an inconsistency. Fixed...

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From: Blunck, Christopher
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 4:24 PM
To: Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>
Cc: Cherepy, Andrea <Cherepy.Andrea@epa.gov>; Reisman, Larry <Reisman.Larry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE: Mandatory Spring 2017 Regulatory Agency Follow-Up - Due COB June 2nd!

Thanks!

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From: Turk, David
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 4:14 PM
To: Blunck, Christopher <Blunck.Chris@epa.gov>
Cc: Cherepy, Andrea <Cherepy.Andrea@epa.gov>; Reisman, Larry <Reisman.Larry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE: Mandatory Spring 2017 Regulatory Agency Follow-Up - Due COB June 2nd!

Chris,

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-Dave

From: Blunck, Christopher
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 1:47 PM
To: Reisman, Larry <Reisman.Larry@epa.gov>; Smith, Peterj <Smith.Peterj@epa.gov>; Cherepy, Andrea <Cherepy.Andrea@epa.gov>; Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE: Mandatory Spring 2017 Regulatory Agency Follow-Up - Due COB June 2nd!

A couple observations/one suggested change at this point. Per mention- I will want to run all this stuff by Barbara.

Chris Blunck

Special Assistant/Policy Advisor
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Phone: 202-564-8078
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From: Reisman, Larry

Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 12:02 PM

To: Blunck, Christopher <Blunck.Chris@epa.gov>; Smith, Peterj <Smith.Peterj@epa.gov>;
Cherepy, Andrea <Cherepy.Andrea@epa.gov>; Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: TIME SENSITIVE: Mandatory Spring 2017 Regulatory Agency Follow-Up - Due
COB June 2nd!

Hi Peter,

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Thanks!

Larry

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From: Turk, David

Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 11:45 AM

To: Smith, Peterj <Smith.Peterj@epa.gov>

Cc: Reisman, Larry <Reisman.Larry@epa.gov>; Cherepy, Andrea <Cherepy.Andrea@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE: Mandatory Spring 2017 Regulatory Agency Follow-Up - Due

COB June 2nd!

Peter,

Here is a tracked changes version of the document you've provided. I included comments for some of the changes to help provide perspective in case it's useful.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your help on this matter.

-Dave

From: Smith, Peterj

Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 11:34 AM

To: Lintner, Colby <Lintner.Colby@epa.gov>; Bryan, Jeffrey <Bryan.Jeffrey@epa.gov>; Smoot, Cameo <Smoot.Cameo@epa.gov>; Yarger, Ryne <Yarger.Ryne@epa.gov>; Hernandez, Connie <Hernandez.Connie@epa.gov>

Cc: Cleland-Hamnett, Wendy <Cleland-Hamnett.Wendy@epa.gov>; Wise, Louise <Wise.Louise@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Morris, Jeff <Morris.Jeff@epa.gov>; Mottley, Tanya <Mottley.Tanya@epa.gov>; Cunningham-HQ, Barbara <Cunningham-HQ.Barbara@epa.gov>; Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>; Layne, Arnold <Layne.Arnold@epa.gov>; Mosby, Jackie <Mosby.Jackie@epa.gov>; Herndon, George <Herndon.George@epa.gov>; Symmes, Brian <Symmes.Brian@epa.gov>; Doa, Maria <Doa.Maria@epa.gov>; Canavan, Sheila <Canavan.Sheila@epa.gov>; Vendinello, Lynn <Vendinello.Lynn@epa.gov>; Reisman, Larry <Reisman.Larry@epa.gov>; Pierce, Alison <Pierce.Alison@epa.gov>; Hofmann, Angela <Hofmann.Angela@epa.gov>; Chun, Melissa <Chun.Melissa@epa.gov>; Green, Teresa <Green.Teresa@epa.gov>

Subject: TIME SENSITIVE: Mandatory Spring 2017 Regulatory Agency Follow-Up - Due COB June 2nd!

Importance: High

All,

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Let me know ASAP if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for all of your help!

Best,

Peter

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Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 7:04 AM

To: Eagles, Tom <Eagles.Tom@epa.gov>; Farrar, Wanda <farrar.wanda@epa.gov>; Simons, Andrew <Simons.Andrew@epa.gov>; Evalenko, Sandy <Evalenko.Sandy@epa.gov>; Flaharty, Stephanie <Flaharty.Stephanie@epa.gov>; Cogliano, Gerain <Cogliano.Gerain@epa.gov>; Noggle, William <Noggle.William@epa.gov>; Smith, Peterj <Smith.Peterj@epa.gov>; Hofmann, Angela <Hofmann.Angela@epa.gov>

Cc: Curry, Bridgid <Curry.Bridgid@epa.gov>; Jutras, Nathaniel <Jutras.Nathaniel@epa.gov>; Muellerleile, Caryn <Muellerleile.Caryn@epa.gov>; Adams, Darryl <Adams.Darryl@epa.gov>; Nurse, Leanne <Nurse.Leanne@epa.gov>; Brown, Stephanie N. <Brown.StephanieN@epa.gov>

Subject: Time Sensitive Reg Agenda To-Do - Response needed by COB June 2

Importance: High

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Thank you. If you have any questions, let us know.

To: Lintner, Colby[Lintner.Colby@epa.gov]; Griffin, Stephanie[griffin.stephanie@epa.gov]
Cc: Bushman, Daniel[Bushman.Daniel@epa.gov]
From: Turk, David
Sent: Mon 8/28/2017 3:37:05 PM
Subject: RE: Short Deadlines - Fall Reg Agenda - Annual Regulatory PLAN - List of Items and Draft Narrative

Colby,

It sounds like everything is good to go here. Please let me know if I'm mistaken. Thanks to everyone for the quick response.

-Dave

From: Lintner, Colby
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 10:32 AM
To: Griffin, Stephanie <griffin.stephanie@epa.gov>
Cc: Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>; Bushman, Daniel <Bushman.Daniel@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Short Deadlines - Fall Reg Agenda - Annual Regulatory PLAN - List of Items and Draft Narrative

Thanks Stephanie,

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Colby

From: Griffin, Stephanie
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Lintner, Colby <Lintner.Colby@epa.gov>
Cc: Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>; Bushman, Daniel <Bushman.Daniel@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Short Deadlines - Fall Reg Agenda - Annual Regulatory PLAN - List of Items and Draft Narrative

Hi Colby,

I believe the Natural Gas Processing Facilities rule was withdrawn via last month's Unified

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From: Lintner, Colby
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 2:44 PM
To: Turk, David <Turk.David@epa.gov>; Bushman, Daniel <Bushman.Daniel@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Short Deadlines - Fall Reg Agenda - Annual Regulatory PLAN - List of Items and Draft Narrative
Importance: High

Hi Dave and Dan,

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From: Lintner, Colby

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 2:08 PM

To: Groeneveld, Thomas <Groeneveld.Thomas@epa.gov>; Canavan, Sheila <Canavan.Sheila@epa.gov>

Cc: Blunck, Christopher <Blunck.Chris@epa.gov>; Pierce, Alison <Pierce.Alison@epa.gov>

Subject: Short Deadlines - Fall Reg Agenda - Annual Regulatory PLAN - List of Items and Draft Narrative

Importance: High

Hey guys,

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From: Moose, Lindsay
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 4:18 PM
To: Latham, John <Latham.John@epa.gov>; Lintner, Colby <Lintner.Colby@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: 8/28/17 - Annual Regulatory PLAN - List of Items and Draft Narrative
Importance: High

First of 3 emails from Angela.

Lindsay Moose
Chief, Outreach Branch
Environmental Assistance Division
Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics
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From: Hofmann, Angela
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 2:37 PM
To: Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>; Layne, Arnold <Layne.Arnold@epa.gov>; Mosby, Jackie <Mosby.Jackie@epa.gov>; Bryan, Jeffrey <Bryan.Jeffrey@epa.gov>; Overstreet, Anne <overstreet.anne@epa.gov>; Barone, Stan <Barone.Stan@epa.gov>; Graves, Inza <Graves.Inza@epa.gov>; Fort, Felecia <Fort.Felecia@epa.gov>; Morris, Jeff <Morris.Jeff@epa.gov>; Mottley, Tanya <Mottley.Tanya@epa.gov>; Cunningham-HQ, Barbara <Cunningham-HQ.Barbara@epa.gov>; Moose, Lindsay <Moose.Lindsay@epa.gov>; Blunck, Christopher <Blunck.Chris@epa.gov>; Pierce, Alison <Pierce.Alison@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Louise <Wise.Louise@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Morales, Oscar <Morales.Oscar@epa.gov>; OCSPP DAA-RCS <OCSPP_DAA-RCS@epa.gov>; Schmit, Ryan <schmit.ryan@epa.gov>; Jakob, Avivah <Jakob.Avivah@epa.gov>; Sisco, Debby <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>; Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>; Blair, Susanna <Blair.Susanna@epa.gov>
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See attached instructions for more details. If you have questions, contact either Peter or Melissa. Thanks.

- Angela

Angela Hofmann

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